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Daiwa Aide Says Tokyo **Told Bank to Conceal Loss**

Government Denies It, Saying It Merely Tried To Halt False Rumors

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
TOKYO — A key Finance Ministry official tacitly encouraged Daiwa Bank to delay announcing a \$1.1 billion trading loss at its New York branch this summer, a former bank official has said.

The former Daiwa managing director, Hiroyuki Yamaji, 54, who resigned earlier this month because of his role in the scandal, also admitted that the bank had asked the trader responsible for the loss to contime covering it up through illegal false bookkeeping for more than a month after Daiwa knew of the problem, according to the report in Asahi Shimbun, a leading

Japanese newspaper.

During the period before financial markets learned of Daiwa's trouble, bank employees were instructed to replace shortterm funding with long-term borrowing,

Mr. Yamaji told the newspaper.

"If the incident had been revealed immediately after we learned of it, our bank would have been hurt very badly and financial markets would have been thrown into chaos," Mr. Yamaji said.

'I thought it would be very serious if our bank became unable to acquire funds," he said, "so I placed priority on that."

Daiwa's decision to continue the coverup and delay informing American author-ities of the loss was made with the apparent encouragement of the Finance Ministry's banking bureau chief, Yoshimasa Nishimura, Mr. Yamaji said in the in-

But the Japanese Finance Ministry denied Mr. Yamaji's assertions.

Deputy Finance Minister Kyosuke Shinozawa said the ministry never told Daiwa Bank executives to continue concealing a \$1.1 billion loss in U.S. Treasury bond

Mr. Shinozawa said his banking burean chief had told Daiwa Bank officials that it was not wise to have unconfirmed reports of bank losses circulating at a time when the Japanese financial system was on shaky

"All we did was take the classic approach that when a bank has internal problems, it's up to management to take responsibility and to engage in fact-finding before reporting them to the authorities, Mr. Shjinozawa said.

U.S. authorities have expressed displea sure both with Daiwa's actions and the Finance Ministry's failure to take more aggressive action when it first learned of a possible problem. Any Finance Ministry encouragement of an illegal cover-up by Daiwa would add to the seriousness of the entire incident.

The trader, Toshihide Iguchi, 44, pleaded guilty last Thursday in New York to charges of embezzlement, money laundering, falsifying records and conspiracy.

He accused at least two senior Daiwa managers of encouraging him to continue covering up the scheme after he confessed his hidden losses in a July letter to Daiwa's

In his interview with Asahi Shimbun on Sunday, Mr. Yamaji passed on some of the blame to the Finance Ministry.

When Mr. Nishimura was informed of with four top Daiwa executives, including himself, Mr. Yamaji said, the banking bureau chief responded that "for this to get

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Mr. Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin looking out over the Hudson River Valley from the Roosevelt home in Hyde Park, New York.

Clinton and Yeltsin Agree on Role for Russians in Bosnia

By Lawrence Malkin national Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - Presidents Boris Yeltsin and Bill Clinton agreed Tuesday that Russian troops would work with NATO forces in the proposed Bosnian peace force.

Constrained by political pressures in both their countries, the Russian and Amer-ican leaders bucked to their military lead-ers the politically explosive question of how the Russian coatingent would be integrated into the command structure when joins with the 60,000-man force from the United States and Western Europe.

Mr. Clinton insisted on keeping the operation and 20,000 U.S. troops under the control of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. At the same time, Mr. Yeltsin stood firm on his refusal to place his troops under NATO control.

To resolve this dilemma, diplomats on both sides had already proposed to have the military devise a form of joint command or some other method of fudging the issue. This became obvious when both presidents refused to discuss any details of a matter that a senior U.S. official declared was "an extremely technical military question. This was the exact opposite of what Washington had been saying before the meeting: that it was so complex it could only be

decided at the highest political level.

The Clinton-Yeltsin meeting, the eighth between the two leaders as heads of their respective states, was moved 75 miles (120 kilometers) north from the United Nations 50th anniversary celebration in New York to the symbolic venue of Hyde Park, the ancestral home of Franklin D. Roosevelt. who is still revered in Russia as the leader of the World War II alliance with the Soviet Union that defeated Germany.

"We are planning here peace, not war," Mr. Yeltsin told reporters as he sat with Mr. Clinton in the brilliant autumn sunshine in the same rustic wooden chairs used by Roosevelt and Winston Churchill as they planned wartime military campaigns.

They met for 95 minutes one-on-one, with Mr. Clinton's old friend, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, who is a Russian scholar, serving as note-taker. This was followed by a working lunch. Mr. Talbott is also the architect of the administration's policy of trying to bring post-Soviet Russia into the family of nations, which has been criticized by some Republicans as naive as well as dangerous in investing too much political capital in one leader.

Afterward, they held a joint press conference at which Mr. Clinton declared they were in "complete agreement" on working together on the Bosnian peace process. that they had made "some progress" on the role of the Russian forces there, and that the question of command would be turned over this week to the Russian defense minister, General Pavel S. Grachev, and his U.S. counterpart, William J. Perry, who have already discussed it in Geneva.

Mr. Yeltsin, expansive in manner and following a lunch of duck terrine and venison accompanied by a white New York State wine and a red from California's Russian River district, praised Mr. Clinton effusively as a friend for his diplomacy, and attacked the press for predicting that the meeting would be a disaster.

"You're a disaster," he snapped at the assembled reporters. Under persistent questioning by those same reporters about how he and Mr. Clinton could claim progress on constructing the peace for Bosnia,

"We agreed today that Russian armed forces will participate in these operations, But how they go about doing it is the affair of the military. It is not a question for us two presidents. We have done our task."

U.S. officials have been desperately seeking to create a link between Russian forces and about 60,000 American and other North Atlantic Alliance troops who are to be sent to Bosnia to help stabilize the boundaries of the truncated state and clear up the debris of three years of war.

A senior Russian diplomat said that Mr. Yeltsin was under pressure from Parliament and the Russian electorate, which he must face next year, "on whether he is master of Russia." The president would not be seen to be in charge, the official said, if he agreed to put Russian troops under NATO command. The problem therefore is one of how to

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turn personal computers into television receivers and allow broadcasters to deliver computer data along with their television programs. The data would be transmitted in the blank lines now Intercast, which was developed by Intel researchers visible to television viewers only when their sets are on Bell and Gateway 2000, which plan on including the over the last two years, would allow broadcasters to the fritz. This bank of 10 or so lines is isolated at one end hardware to receive the Intercast signals in computers they transmit data in a portion of the television signal known of the television image, and out of the frame of a will sell next year; the broadcasters NBC, CNN, QVC and

as the vertical blanking interval at speeds almost four television set that is operating normally. Each of these times as fast as the fastest available moderns now used to lines can be used to transmit data at a speed of 9,600 bits send personal computer data to the home.

By John Markoff

New York Times Service

personal computer and the Internet with broadcast tele-

vision, Intel Corp. and several of the United States'

largest personal-computer makers and television broad-

casters announced Monday a new technology that would

SAN FRANCISCO -- In a step toward blending the

For several years, some PC's have come with peripheral attachments that enabled them to display television images. Intercast, however, is promising an instandard television timer, the data would be delivered in

dustry-wide standard that adds an element.

new system would allow broadcasters and advertisers to provide text, still images and graphics.

With New Technology, PCs Would Become TVs

For instance, while broadcasting a murder mystery, a network could send clues, such as photographs of the murder weapon or the victim's telephone logs. Advertisers might send a software driving simulator to accompany a car commercial, or an interactive catalogue to accompany clothes or consumer electronics ads.

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ustry-wide standard that adds an element. the form of World Wide Web pages, permitting in-Instead of simply reproducing television images, the teractivity through conventional Internet access.

Skeptical analysts noted that the technology could easily be read as a sign of confusion in the computer and broadcast industries, in the wake of the unexpected and explosive growth of the Internet 'The PC industry was blind-sided by the Internet and

now they're scrambling to catch up," said Richard Shaffer, a computer-industry analyst at Technologic

Twelve concerns are endorsing the standard: Packard WGBH, the Boston PBS station; the cable operators Viacom and Comcast, the on-line service provider America Online and the software developers Asymetrix, En Technology and Netscape Communications.

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Nature of U.S. Homicide: Strangers Are Killing People

By Pierre Thomas hington Post Service

WASHINGTON - In California, a 3year-old girl is shot to death by gang members because the car she is in made a wrong turn. In Pennsylvania, a 19-year-old who had fought his way back from cancer is shot to death by a teenage girl who apparently wanted cash.

Random killings? Aberrations.? A developing body of statistics suggests otherwise.

The nature of homicide in the United States has dramatically changed, according to Justice Department crime data, which the \$1.1 billion loss in an Aug. 8 meeting show that the proportion of people slain by family members has sharply declined while the number of people killed in robberies and by strangers has grown in the

Prosecutors and criminologists said in

interviews that the change had been pushed by the spread of firearms, the drug trade and a growing number of violent juvenile tances," said Gilford S. Gee, an FBI researcher and contributing writer to the FBI Uniform Crime Report's section on murchings and a growing number of violent juvenile tances," said Gilford S. Gee, an FBI researcher and contributing writer to the FBI Uniform Crime Report's section on murchings and a growing number of violent juvenile. offenders.

Those same trends, the experts said, are also responsible for a steady reduction in the proportion of homicides that are solved by the police, as collecting evidence and finding cooperative witnesses has become

ever more difficult. In 1991, for the first time ever, more than half of the nation's murders were committed by strangers or in scenarios in which the relationship between the victim and offender could not initially be determined. Often, the authorities found a body but could not readily identify a motive or reason for the death, much less identify a

suspect.
"Criminologists and sociologists used to point to the fact that most murders were committed by family members or acquain- mentally changed," said Eric H. Holder

By Michael Richardson

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emization in Asia, there is another way of

life that is much older and seems to resist

daytime into darkness from Pakistan to

the Philippines, many people will beat

When a solar eclipse Tuesday turns

SINGAPORE — Despite

all attempts to change it.

That was indeed the case, but no

Family and lover's-quartel murders are decreasing both in actual numbers and as a proportion of the whole, according to FBI statistics. The FBI defines murder as the willful killing of another human being. Deaths caused by negligence and justifiable homicides are not included in the statistics.

In 1965, nearly a third of the murders in the United States were family-related. By 1975, one out of four murders was familyrelated. In 1992, a little more than one out of 10 of the nation's homicides were family-related, according to Justice Department statistics.

"The nature of homicide has funda-

Superstitions Fill Asia's Darkest Day

different than criminals, say, 10 years ago. People now are much quicker to resort to

Today, the most trigger-happy killers are often also among the youngest offenders, as youths make up a growing proportion of both victims and perpetrators of violent crimes committed against strangers. The new pattern of murders has created a

variety of new challenges for law enforcement, from witness intimidation to the extensive resources needed to keep pace with heavy caseloads. Since 1965, the national rate for solving homicides has fallen from 91 percent to 65 percent.

"Police are trying to figure out murders essentially in the blind," Mr. Holder said, noting that getting witnesses to cooperate has become extremely difficult.

Italy's Marxists Will Join Move To Topple Dini

By Alan Friedman ational Herald Tribune

MILAN — The prospect of a full-blown Italian political crisis mounted Monday as hard-line Marxists said they would join forces with Silvio Berlusconi, the media mogul turned politician, in an attempt to topple the government of Prime Minister Lamberto Dini.

The decision of the small Refounded Communist Party to vote against Mr. Dini could prove decisive when the Italian Parliament votes Thursday on a no-confidence motion presented by Mr. Berlusconi.

But most Italian commentators consider the situation too close to call because Mr. Dini could still survive the vote if only a few members of Mr. Berlusconi's Forza Italia party and of the Marxist fringe party

The Refounded Communists have 24 votes and could make a difference in the 628-member Chamber of Deputies, which is fairly evenly divided between the centerleft parties that support Mr. Dini and the center-right coalition opposing him that is led by Mr. Berlusconi.

Italy was thrown into unexpected political turmoil Friday when Mr. Berlusconi. who was indicted on bribery charges this month and who will stand trial in mid-January, introduced the no-confidence mo-

Many of his critics contend that Mr. Berlusconi's goal is to force a snap election before Christmas so that he stands a chance of winning before his corruption trial be-

Italy could face a constitutional crisis if Mr. Berlusconi were to win an election and

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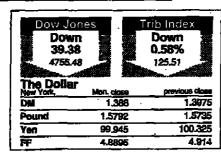
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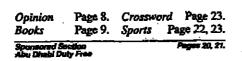
DOUAL France — A French appeals court with a reputation for severity on Monday began reviewing a match-rig-ging scandal that led to the downfall of the former Marseille soccer club owner and former cabinet minister, Bernard Tapic.

A state prosecutor asked the court to double the six-month suspended sentence passed by a lower court against Jacques Mellick, a former government minister and friend of Mr. Tapie. Mr. Mellick was convicted of interfering with witnesses in order to protect Mr. Tapie. The request was ominous for Mr. Tapie who is to face Page 19. the court on Tuesday...

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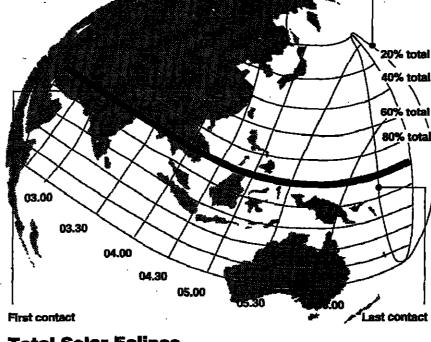
drums, gongs, pots and pans, fire guns into the air or simply hide indoors to ward off feared calamities ranging from war, floods, famine and political upheaval to personal misfortune. Some Indians speculate that their prime minister, P.V. Narasimha Rao. whose Congress (I) Party faces a strong opposition challenge, left the country re-

escape the effects of the eclipse.
"Rao Fights to Save His Own Eclipse," a headline in The Statesman newspaper said. It quoted an astrologer, N.K. Sharma, as saying that the prime minister's astrological sign was Pisces, which would be adversely affected by the

cently on an extensive foreign tour to

In fact, Mr. Rao has gone to New York for the United Nations' 50th anniversary Sanai Edamaruku, secretary-general of

the Indian Rationalists Association, said See ECLIPSE, Page 10



Total Solar Eclipse Viewing path of total solar eclipse of Oct. 24, 1995. Times for mid-eclipse shown in GMT.

At 50, the UN Is Seeking a New Way in the World

By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service

NITED NATIONS, New York -Imagine an international corporation with 53,589 employees, a New York headquarters, half a dozen regional branches and scores of field offices around the world. Then add a 185-member board of directors, most of whom think the best jobs should go to candidates from their homerowns. Consider that all of this is presided over by a chief executive who is neither elected nor chosen through open competition. recruitment or even in an interview process.

This is the United Nations. On Oct. 24, 1945, within months of the end of World War II, the United Nations formally came into being when its Charter took effect. There were 51 members — pledged to create a better world, free of "the scourge of war" -

and enough optimism to go around. Over the weekend, the largest gathering of world leaders in history - more than 170 heads of state or government, at last count came together here to begin a three-day celebration of the 50th anniversary. If the founders believed that they had put catascrophe behind them, the inheritors of their legacy are more likely to fear disaster ahead.
Sunday was the first of three days of

speeches, each address optimistically limited to five minutes and likely to touch on pulling the organization back from the brink of bankruptcy and reinventing it to make it a credible force in the next century.

In no corner of the world except perhaps in the United States is there a lobby for dis-mantling or significantly weakening the Unit-

For half a century it has served as a manager of disputes and a useful site for the venting and checkmating of East-West hostilities that might have otherwise exploded. Its far-flung empire of agencies and associations became part of daily life worldwide, battling the spread of weapons, disease and unfair labor practices, among other issues.

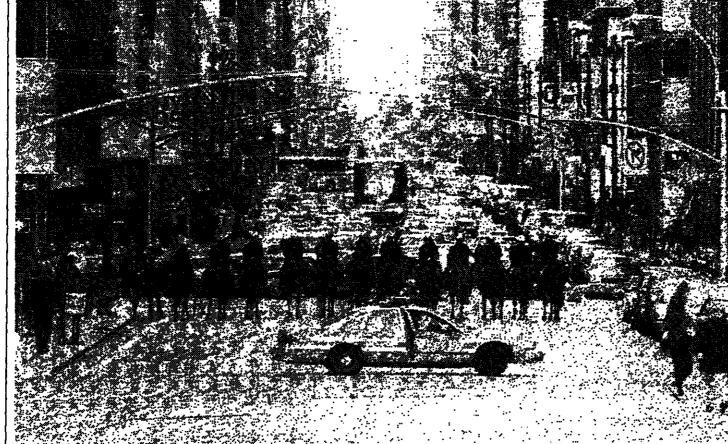
But there is an almost universal sense that the United Nations is overstretched and still in search of missions and without clear priorities in the post-Cold War world.

When it comes to restructuring, some countries, led by the United States, would like to see the United Nations shrink, while many poorer nations want it to grow, open more offices and create more jobs. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali said in a recent interview. The developing nations are in a

The Third World is for proliferation, all because of the possibilities of jobs or for prestige," he said. "Poor countries want five offices, not one, because all the nieces and daughters of the president work as secre-

In this anniversary year, there is no shortage of reform proposals. In at least half a dozen books and countless seminars, experts and dabblers alike have been writing and talking pay for, a new-look United Nations.

Among the reforms most often mentioned are enlarging the Security Council, streamlining the General Assembly and its web of committees, consolidating overlapping work



Mounted policemen blocking a New York City intersection as part of the security measures for UN anniversary celebrations.

by specialized agencies, rethinking the mori-bund Economic and Social Council (which was designed to deal with human development with the same weight the Security Council dealt with strategic concerns), greater participation by non-governmental organizations and a more efficient, less political system for selecting a secretary-general.

The rapid globalizing of economies and the perception that the world's most threatening problems no longer have national or bureaucratic boundaries should create the right atmosphere for real change in the international system. But when the speeches end, the trouble begins.

With no outside oversight — apart from that exercised by member nations, which are almost never in unanimity - no check-andbalance system or grassroots voters to contend with, the UN organization is mostly left to its own devices in bringing about change. The 185 member nations can hasten or slow the job as national interests dictate.

Sir Brian Urquhart, who has spent a lifetime studying the United Nations from inside and out, has described the secretary-general's role as "the world's No. 1 fig leaf and scapegoat," an official easy to fault because his job is all but unworkable.

'if you look at all the thi hope, she — is supposed to do on paper, the job does look impossible," said Sir Brian, a former undersecretary-general and now Ford Foundation scholar-in-residence. "Just the political side is taking 24 hours a day now."

Mr. Boutros Ghali, a scholar of international law and former Egyptian government minister, became the sixth secretary-general at the beginning of 1992, after the Cold War had ended and the future of the United Nations

seemed especially bright. Because his term expires at the end of next year, his future and that of the secretarygeneralship have been thrown into the wider debate about reform.

But no Security Council member has pressed for debate on the issue. Setting up a selection process formally outside the council could weaken the council's political power over the selection.

Though there is wide agreement that the organization needs a strong leader to make its case and give its bureaucracy a human face, a powerful secretary-general would not be welcome in Washington or other major capitals.

othing is talked about more — or is less likely to happen soon — than a restructuring of the Security Council, the strategic center of the United Nations, where decisions about peacekeeping, sanctions and other issues of international

There is agreement on what is wrong: 50 years after its creation, the council does not reflect the world's diversity, and its five pe manent members, with the exception of the United States, are no longer the dominant powers they were in 1945. Britain and France have lost their empires and have become part of the European Union; Russia, which in-

herited the seat of the Soviet superpower, is less than it was only a decade ago. And China, holding the seat created originally for the anti-Communist Nationalists, now in Taiwan, uses it defensively, playing little role in international policy-making.

Other nations have become economically or militarily more important, among them the two major defeated nations of World War II. Germany and Japan. Larger developing nations - Brazil, India, Indonesia, Mexico and now South Africa - are demanding to be heard, as are smaller countries that contribute to the United Nations' work.

The Security Council has 15 seats, with the 10 nonpermanent ones rotated among 180 countries grouped in regional networks. Smaller countries rarely get a chance; larger nations say an occasional appearance on the council is not enough.

A country like Israel, which belongs to no

regional caucus, never gets an opportunity to vie for a seat.

What has stalled efforts to make the council more reflective of a changed world is disagreement over which nations should become permanent members and how large the body should become to make more seats available.

Coming up

In the new Russia, paternal absence and neglect is a reality shared widely by women, regardless of background. aspirations or income.

Ivory Coast Leader Wins 96% of Vote Opposition Stayed Away And Calls Results a Sham

The Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast --President Henri Konan-Bédié easily retained his post on Monday as predicted with at least 96 percent of the vote, but opposition parties who boyconed the election called the results a

With 80 percent of the votes counted, 56 percent of the 3.8 million registered Ivorians voted throughout the west African country on Sunday, the government said. The turnout was low compared with 1990, when 70 percent of registered voters relected the man who was then Africa's longest serving ruler, Félix Houphouët.

Mr. Houphouët-Boigny died in 1993, and Mr. Konan-Bédié. as president of the National Assembly, became his constitutional successor. The autocratic

predecessor but was expected. to easily win based largely on the popularity of Mr. Houphouet-Boigny and the power of the Democratic Party he founded. The Democrats have ruled Ivory Coast since its independence from France in 1960,

The government blamed opposition threats of violence for the low voter turnout, but Mr. Konan-Bédié said the boycott

had not hurt him politically.

Ivorians, Ivorians, my dear. brother and sisters, you have heeded my call." a tearful Mr.

Konan-Bedie said on TV. His sole challenger was Francis Wodie, 59, a law professor and human-rights cam-paigner of the Ivorian Workers

Party.

The most formidable oppo-sition leader, Laurent Gbagbo of the Ivorian Popular Front, re-Mr. Konan-Bédie, 61, has not fused to be a candidate this time been nearly as popular as his to protest the electoral code.

Carter to Coordinate Rwanda Crisis Talks

ATLANTA --- Former Presleaders of Uganda, Zaire and Tanzania would meet in a re-

humanitarian tragedies in

Rwanda and Burundi. Mr. Carter will coordinate the conference for Presidents Yoweri Museveni of Uganda. Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire and Ali Hassan Mwinyi of Tanzania. The date and location of the conference will be announced later, he said Sunday.

Mr. Carter, Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Afric and Tanzania's former president, Julius K. Nverere, will serve as mediators.

"All of the conference coconveners and mediators share ident Jimmy Carter said that the a deep concern about the escalating violence in Burundi, the stalemate surrounding the gional conference to establish return of nearly 2 million conditions to prevent further refugees in Rwanda, and the destabilizing effects of these crises on the region. Mr. Carter said.

The three African leaders said in a joint statement, "We believe peace, reconciliation and justice are the only basis for a common and harmonious future." "The problems in the region are many and complex. But we believe immediate action is needed to begin to move beyond the violence and built healthy and prosperous soci-

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TRAVEL UPDATE

France Is Facing a New Rail Strike

PARIS (APP) — French rail services are set to be disrup Wednesday by a new 24-hour strike called by train workers' unions protesting salary and staffing levels.

The strike, which follows repeated disruption in recent months,

has been called by five unions representing workers on the French national railroad and the RER suburban commuter train services in and around Paris.

The strike will come two weeks after a national general strike on Oct. 10 in which 5 million public service workers, including transport staff, paralyzed much of France. It also comes on the eve of a meeting between union leaders and the head of the French national railroad, Jean Bergougnoux, who will set out global plans for the company over the next five years.

Athens Begins Fining of Litterbugs

ATHENS (Reuters) - Athens began fining litterbugs on Monday to try to polish the Greek capital's less-than-spotless

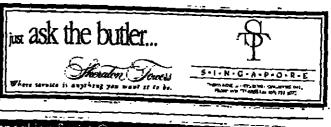
"We are determined to live in a clean and human city," Dimitris Avramopoulos, the mayor of Athens, said in a statement announcing the fines. "The fines will be applied strictly, objectively and justly." The fines range from 5,000 drachmas (\$20) for leaving garbage on the pavements to 4 million drachmas (\$16,600) for dropping leaflets.

The municipality of Athens recently provided most streets with

special bins and pledged to fine anyone who did not use them. Some of the heaviest fines apply to hospitals that do not properly dispose of harmful substances, industrial waste and construction rubble left on the street.

San Francisco Gets Antique Trolleys

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Seventeen refurbished Presidents' Conference Committee street cars have been brought back from across the country to run on San Francisco's new permanent F-Market tram line. The line, running at 15-minute intervals, runs from Market Street in the Castro District to downtown. The San Francisco Municipal Railway plans to add more antiques—trams and trolleys from around the world—to supplement the fleet. Plans also call for an extension of service along the waterfront to Fisherman's



Two Worlds, a Shared Grief Palestinian and Jew in a Plea for Unity

By Barton Geliman New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - Almost exactly a year ago, Abed Karim Bader pinned on a skullcap to pass for a lew and stopped his said. "We have each suffered. rented car for a hitchhiking Israeli soldier. With three confederates from

Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, Mr. Bader overpowered Corporal Nachshon the West Bank, Israeli commandos staged a rescue raid. and the kidnappers shot their bound captive to death in his chair. Mr. Bader died in the gunfight moments later.

Trus is a conflict that trains even bystanders for their roles. Loss calls for vengeance, hate for hate. Most of the time those calls are answered. But not al-

Sunday night, two grieving fathers, Mr. Bader's and Mr. Waxman's, sat together behind a table and spoke of treading a new path of peace. They each wore a skullcap ---Yehuda Waxman the kippah of a re-ligious Zionist, Yassin Bader

raeli and Palestinian youths that choice but to live together."

"We are two peoples who live in this land," Mr. Bader We have paid a heavy price with our sons. Mr. Waxman is a religious man. He felt what I felt, and I felt what he felt." There was no political pro-

gram in the words, just a heart-Waxman and abducted him to heavy hope that good might somehow come of their loss. Mr. Waxman is tortured by the time he did not make for his son, the conversations he was always too busy to have. Mr. Bader asks himself how he could have missed the signs that his son had turned to Hamas. Both want to be teachers of tolerance.

The results were mixed. The teenagers, Israeli and Palestinigathered at an East Jerusalem hotel, were inclined to listen. But there was anger in the room, and distrust.

Ori Dirdikman, 17, an Isrueli, asked how Mr. Bader "resnonded to all his son's expressions of extremism, since I assume it didn't suddenly hap-

Mr. Bader said, "It is hard. I things had to change — that, as didn't know what was inside Mr. Waxman said, "we have no my son."

Afterward, the teenager said, "I want to be-lieve him, but no. I'm sorry, but I don't think it is possible. If he was really for peace, he was obliged to do something."

Fayez Othman, a Palestinian, asked Mr. Waxman why Jews who kill Arabs seem to get off lightly, while Arabs who dare cast a stone are imprisoned for

"You're a young man and you're looking for justice," Mr. Waxman said. "I'm not looking for justice any more. There are no just governments. There is only the best that people can do. It's better for a man to look for justice near his home, with his brothers, with his friends. There you can make a difference. Absolute justice? There's no such thing.

"I didn't want to hear, 'This is not my responsibility," the funeral tent featured slogans Palestinian teenager said. "I painted by Harnas declaring wanted to hear that this is

Even so, he said, he respected a man who could respond to



Mr. Waxman, left, and Mr. Bader following their meeting in Jerusalem.

At first, Mr. Waxman and Mr. Bader shared no link save trauma. Yehuda Waxman prayed and spoke of punishment for Hamas. At the Bader home, just a mile away, the painted by Hamas declaring Mr. Bader's son a martyr.

The idea for reconciliation came from a weekly newspaper tht worked hard to bring the two

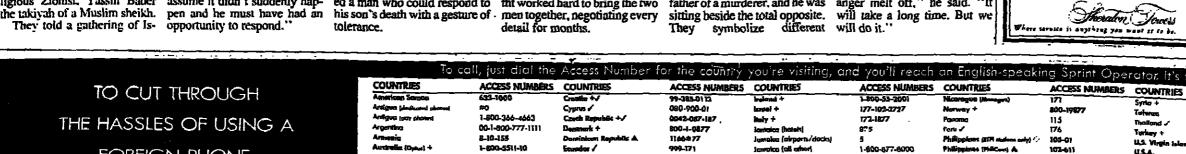
When the two finally met, they said, they were struck by how alike they were. Devout and serious, they decided to

Did it help? "To tell the truth," said Nao-mi Cohen, 17, "with all the pain and for all the fact that I've grown up on the left, I couldn't help having him since he is the "This is our purpose, to see this father of a murderer, and he was anger melt off," he said. "It

things. Mr. Waxman is an example to me. He is able to be more forgiving than I am, and it was his son." Nihaya Harhash, also 17.

on both sides." Mr. Waxman, interviewed after the meeting, said he was not discouraged or surprised.

said she felt "anger and tension



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But lawyers and legal analysts said the by further damaging his public image and possibly ruining him financially.

The suits could drag on for several ears at great cost to the former football star and television pitchman, who most likely will have to devise new affable image that once brought him fortune has been tarnished.

Thanks to a jury's acquittal, Mr. Simpson is forever free from the threat of imprisonment in the double murder. The double murder cases, because defendants in most instances do not have financial of imprisonment in the double murder. But lawyers and legal analysts said the wrongful-death suits, for instance, in-civil suits could still exact a huge price volve car crashes, plane wrecks and medical malpractice — not homicide. "A wrongful-death action is only as

good as the wealth of the defendant." said Carol A. Chase, associate professor of law at Pepperdine University and a former federal prosecutor. "The ways of making a living because the average street killer doesn't have the

One effect of the civil claims is that

the University of Southern California.

Among the key issues: Neither Mr. Simpson nor his close friend Al Cowlings have said why they led police on the slow-speed freeway chase around Los Angeles in Mr. Cowlings's Ford Bronco five days after the killings. Nor has Mr. Simpson explained why he was huddled in the back of the vehicle with \$10,000, a passport and a fake

Another issue is whether Mr. Simpson confessed to his friend Roosevelt Grier during a jailhouse visit that he she suffered over the years. Her phone

It is still unclear how Mr. Simpson cut his finger on the night of the murders, and what happened to the leather gloves that Mrs. Simpson bought for

There are also discrepancies about what he was doing at the time of the killings. During the criminal trial, four different explanations emerged.
Legal analysts said that Mr. Simp-

son would also face intense questioning about his 17-year relationship with

"Mr. Simpson has to answer those

Mrs. Simpson and the spousal abuse

questions himself," Mr. Brewer said.

"His image was his product, and the lingering questions from Mr. committed the murders, as some pub-now there is a severe recall," said a Simpson's 15-month criminal trial are lished reports have said. prominently in the proceedings, legal

Prosecutors in the criminal case never had an opportunity to crossexamine Mr. Simpson because of his he handed to his friend and attorney Fifth Amendment right against selfincrimination. But that principle does not apply in the civil matters, since he cannot be tried again.

"The heart of our case is having the opportunity to examine Mr. Simpson about all the inconsistencies and ques-tion marks that have not been answered," said Michael A. Brewer, an attorney for Mr. Goldman's mother, Sharon Rufo, whose wrongful-death claim has been joined to one filed by Fred Goldman, the victim's father and her former husband.

That is what we are waiting for.

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Internet Isn't Betting on Powell

WASHINGTON — Even as popular speculation mounts that Colin L. Powell will decide to run for president, speculators on the Internet's Colin Powell "futures market" are betting against it.

Set up by the University of Iowa's business school on the World Wide Web, the Powell nomination market allows people anywhere in the world to buy and sell bets about the general's decision with their computers.

Since June, the price of a \$1 bet that he will run has dropped steadily, to about 49 cents by Sunday. The price of a bet that he will stay out has climbed steadily to about 52 cents.

In many ways, the Powell market epitomizes how the Internet has emerged this year as a political medium, fun house and battleground. Both major political parties and all the Presidential candidates have established elaborate "home pages" on the World Wide Web, which typically spew out photos, position papers, news releases and even video snippets from speeches.

But the official campaign sites are greatly outnumbered by unofficial sites that variously support, skewer or just speculate about candidates. One of the biggest problems, in fact, is separating the serious sites from the parodies that can leave a voter's head spinning.

A site devoted to the conservative Republican Patrick J. Buchanan looks authentic - until one notices that an American flag in the background sports a Nazi swastika rather than the 50 white stars.

The upshot is a rip-roaring if chaotic new forum for political debate. No one expects the Internet to challenge the clout of television or newspapers this year, because only a tiny portion of voters roam it. But a growing number of campaign managers say that the 1996 election is shaping up as a dress rehearsal for a serious online battle in 2000.

Ex-Candidate Wilson Backs Dole

WASHINGTON - Less than a month after folding his own presidential campaign, Governor Pete Wilson of Cal-ifornia on Monday endorsed the Senate majority leader, Bob Dole, as the Republicans' best hope to "evict Bill Clinton from the White House."

In a statement, Mr. Wilson suggested Republicans drawn to the potential candidacy of Colin L. Powell should think again, given Mr. Powell's lack of political experience and Republican credentials.

Mr. Wilson will serve as a national co-chairman of the Dole campaign and as general chairman in California. (AP)

Immigrants Face Education Cuts

WASHINGTON - A little-noted provision in the Senate welfare bill could deny federal education aid to tens of thousands of legal immigrants, more than half of whom are college students in New York and California.

The House of Representatives version, though less strict, also targets federal grants and loans to foreign-born college students who live in the United States legally.

Advocates for higher education said the changes would strip the rungs from a ladder that has allowed generations of immigrants to climb out of poverty.

Senator's Wife Robbed in Capital

WASHINGTON — The millionaire wife of a U.S. senator was robbed at gunpoint in central Washington as she and the wife of a high State Department official were walking to a car after attending the theater.

The two women, Teresa Heinz, wife of Senator John F. Kerry, Democrat of Massachusetts, and Wren Wirth, wife of Undersecretary of State Timothy E. Wirth, a former Democratic senator from Colorado, both were unhurt in the incident, which occurred about 10:45 P.M. Saturday, according to accounts.

Mrs. Heinz is the widow of Senator John Heinz, Reoublican of Pennsylvania, who was killed in the crash of a airplane and a helicopter in 1991. She is heir to a family fortune based on H.J. Heinz Co., the food products man-

Quote /Unquote

Pete Wilson, governor of California, in his endorsement of Bob Dole for the Republican presidential nomination: "Bill Clinton is one tough political fighter, and defeating him is going to be a war. It's going to take someone who understands our party, who has guided our ideas to victory before and who shares our vision to win this fight. That's Bob Dole. Bob Dole is clearly the best general to lead Republicans into battle against Bill Clinton.

Away From Politics

 A burning car has been blamed for starting a fast-moving brush fire in Fontana, California, that blackened as many 2,500 acres (1,000 hectares), gutted one home and threaten scores of others.

 A 300-pound black bear attacked a 14-year-old girl playing outside her home in Monroe, Washington, but the girl survived by playing dead. The girl suffered bites in her left thigh and right calf. State Department of Fish and Wildlife agents tracked the (135-kilogram) bear and killed it. (AP)

 Seven members of one family were killed when their car smashed head-on into a large water tanker in Bakersfield,

In Harlem, a Roar for Castro in His Old Green Fatigues

By John F. Harris Washington Post Service

NEW YORK -- In the morning, at the United Nations, he was Castro, one more head of state dressed up for the day in a dark blue suit. But that evening, said Mr. Castro, who was alin Harlem, his name was ex-pressed as a rhythmic chant — "Fidel! Fidel! Fidel!" — and the revolutionary who has mile (40-kilometer) radius of grown a bit thick around the UN headquarters. middle was once again in his

old olive green fatigues. "How could I go to Harlem in my business suit?" said the president of Cuba, as he warmed up the room Sunday night at Abyssinian Baptist Church on West 138th Street.

The crowd roared its approval for Castro-style humor. everything else he said: his ment, and his praise for Cuba's me?" smile. doctors and teachers. All of it

speech rolled on for more than an hour, it was clear that Mr. Russia's Khrushchev. Castro loved them for loving him. He noted sourly that he speech was mostly wounded or was not welcome at the reception President Bill Clinton was often hard to follow. holding for other leaders down-

But, he said, "As a revolu-tionary, I knew I would be wel-atom bomb, which kills the peocome in this neighborhood."

It was a return trip for Mr. War, he and his aides made not appreciate the sacrifice.

quite an impression on Man-hattan as they donned guerrilla garb and plucked chickens in a midtown hotel before moving

to the Theresa. "The funny thing, I'm still lowed into the country only because he is on official UN business, and only then within a 25-

But, his voice rising and his arms flying, he defiantly added: "We will never change because we are right."

As Mr. Castro's voice filled the elegant church with its goldpainted trim and wooden pews, his mood appeared to change perhaps a half-dozen times.

When he arrived, about 45 And it roared its approval for minutes late, a sudden jolt went through the crowd, and rancous boasting about surviving "the shouts and fists rose up as if to hundreds of attempts on my greet a rock star taking the life," his rambling history of stage. But Mr. Castro, moving Cuba's involvement in the slowly up to the altar, was wear-African anti-colonial move-ing a sheepish, "all-this-for-He turned nostalgic for a

was greeted with the same while, recalling the 1960 visit, and the world leaders he had Harlem loved him, and as his met: India's Nehru, Egypt's Nasser, and his chief patron,

But after this warm-up, the

He praised Cuba's healthtown at the New York Public care system and literacy rate. He railed against the U.S. em-

ple, and the children." He asserted, in a decidedly Castro. In 1960, the first time he unorthodox version of history. visited the United Nations as that his country's forces were at Cuba's leader, he took Harlem risk of nuclear attack from by storm, setting up camp at the South Africa when Cubans Theresa Hotel on 125th Street. fought for Angolan Commu-His rise to power was fresh then nists in the 1970s, and he asked and, at the height of the Cold piteously why more people did



angry in tone, always intense. A protester opposed to Fidel Castro scuffling with a Castro supporter during the Cuban leader's New York City visit.

Waldheim Hopes U.S. Will Let Him Off Hook

mer United Nations secretary-general, ing under Nazi Germany, the former UN hopes Washington will remove the "un- chief was branded persona non grata by desirable alien" status blocking his entry into the United States, according to an headed the United Nations from 1972 to interview published Monday.

Accused by the U.S. Justice Depart-

Agence France-Presse ment of having taken part in the per-VIENNA — Kurt Waldheim, the for-secution of civilians while an officer serv-

1981.

persons' in the U.S. was an error," Mr. Waldheim said in the interview, which was published in the Austrian daily Kurier. "I think that this could change when

emotions cool." he said. The ban went into effect when Mr. Waldheim, 77, was president of Austria, a

"Placing me on the list of 'undesirable position he held from 1986 to 1992.

Farrakhan's Cry: An Esoteric Mix of the Obscure

By Debbi Wilgoren Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Masonic master builders? The U.S. capital as Jerusalem, and the Washington Monument as an Egyptian obelisk? When Louis Farrakhan, the leader of

the Capitol last week to address hundreds of thousands at the "Million Man speech included obscure allusions to all

those things and more.

Along with a call for blacks to practice political action and self-reliance, Mr. Farrakhan offered an esoteric mix of numerology, Egyptology, secret Masonic mythology, biblical allegory and tified Egypt as the origin of civilization Muslim mysticism.

Some of those who were hearing Mr. Farrakhan for the first time found parts of his speech bewildering. But religious scholars who have heard him before called it vintage Nation of Islam theology, except for the largely conciliatory tone he struck toward whites and Jews.

Although he calls himself a minister. the religious parts of his speech had little to do with mainstream Islam, professors of religion said.

In fact, orthodox Muslims would consider some of his remarks blasphemous because he spoke of God appearing lot of time talking about the Bible, be-through a man and identified 20th-centhe Nation of Islam, stood on the steps of tury African American leaders as

Mr. Farrakhan's speech was designed his two-and-a-half-hour to appeal to blacks of all backgrounds and beliefs, according to several reli-

and described Jesus as a black man. And here. he employed the cadences of Baptist preachers and rap musicians.

He also described himself in almost messianic terms, saying he was a prophet sent by God to show America the evil of its ways, as Jeremiah did for

Masons," said C. Eric Lincoln, a professor emeritus of religion at Duke University who has written extensively about the Nation of Islam. "He spent a cause many people are Christians. He spends very little time talking about

Islam, because few blacks are Mus-Dwight N. Hopkins, a professor of

But Mr. Farrakhan "knows the cul-ture," Mr Hopkins added. "That's why a religion that's out of the Middle East Many peo can be presented to these black people

The Nation of Islam has always laced imagery, building on Elijah Muhammad's origins as a Baptist preacher and references the strong church roots of many of its African American converts. In his speech, Mr. Farrakhan men- nician. "Didn't we get fed."

"He spent a lot of time talking about tioned Moses, David, Solomon, Neb-the Masons, because a lot of people are uchadnezzar, Jesus, Matthew and oth-

He quoted a spiritual, "There is a bahm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul," and the Lord's Prayer. He quoted or alluded to the Bible at least 30 times, compared with about five references to the Koran.

And he repeatedly characterized himself as God's messenger, sent to lead black Americans out of oppression and theology at Santa Clara University, said to inform both black and white Amer-Mr. Farrakhan "did ramble, I won't icans of the error of their ways. icans of the error of their ways.
Historians said he was implying that

he was a prophet and hinting that he was

Many people at the rally were en-thralled. They shouted their approval of Mr. Farrakhan's references, murmured fervent "amens" when he quoted the its theology with a heavy dose of biblical Bible's call for redemption and nodded at even the most obscure numerological

> 'We got fed today, brother," said Ray Patterson, a 37-year-old Navy tech-

Petition Backs Embassy Move To Jerusalem

Agence France-Presse TEL AVIV — About 70,000 Israelis signed a petition that was handed to the U.S. am-bassador, Martin S. Indyk, on Monday backing a proposal to transfer the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Israel seized the Arab eastern sector of Jerusalem in 1967, proclaiming the whole city as its capital.

The city's status is a major issue in Israeli-Palestinian talks. It is a holy city for Muslims and Jews, as well as Christians. The Senate was set Monday

to open a debate on a bill that calls for moving the embassy to Jerusalem. The measure is opposed by the Clinton administration, which warns that such a move

would deal a blow to the Middle

East peace process.

Will Welfare Cuts Shred Mississippi's Thin Safety Net?

By Kevin Sack New York Times Service

JACKSON, Mississippi - Nine hundred miles away in the nation's capital, liberals are warning that the Republican plan to eliminate the federal entitlement to welfare will encourage states to "race to the bottom."

Mississippi is already there. It is a state where one of every three children lives in poverty, where the percentage of households without telephones or complete plumbing is twice the national average and where 22 percent of all babies delivered last year were

born to teenage mothers. It is also the state with the lowest cash benefits for welfare recipients — \$120 a month for a mother with two children, less than a third of the national median. And unlike 31 states, Mississippi has no welfare program for single

men and childless couples.

Mississippi is whether newly granted autonomy will tempt them to discard their tattered safety nets altogether. Or will the states, unfettered by at heart than any soul up there in the Congress of will tempt them to discard their tattered safety federal requirements, respond by devising creative anti-poverty programs that may move recipients into the work force and out of de-

pendency once and for all. Those on the left argue that block grants, the lump sum social services payments to states that would replace direct federal payments to welfare recipients, would be a dangerous tool in the hands of people like Governor Kirk Fordice, a conservative Republican.

'Pordice's position is that the only job training that welfare recipients need is a good alarm clock," said Rims Barber, executive director of the Mississippi Human Services Agenda, an advocacy group based in Jackson. But Mr. Fordice, who faces re-election next

nen and chucuess couples.

Now, as members of a House and Senate month, responds that the notion that he cannot the welfare rolls to balloon. Even if the state did extra benefits currently offered by the state.

conference committee prepare to negotiate a be trusted to care for the poor of his state is "a have the capacity, they say, it might not have the final welfare bill, the question in states like disgusting, elitist argument." disgusting, elitist argument."
"I'm the governor of a sovereign state that

the United States," he said.

But Mr. Fordice also manages to confirm

many of the worst fears of his opponents. He said he would gladly accept less money from the federal government for social services under the block grant system as long as he is freed of federal regulations on how to spend it. Both the House welfare bill, which was passed in March, and the Senate bill, which was passed

in August, essentially would freeze federal spending on Aid to Families with Dependent

Children for the next five years. . Social services advocates worry that Mis- efits when they have additional children. sissippi, with the second-lowest median income in the country, would have limited capacity to compensate for an aid loss if a recession causes

ership is largely conservative and white, while 82 percent of its welfare recipients are black.

In general, Mr. Fordice and leaders of his Department of Human Services believe that the government should use punitive measures to change the behavior of welfare recipients.

"We're attributing all of our problems to a crisis in material poverty when in fact we've got a crisis in behavioral poverty," said Donald R. Taylor, executive director of the Department of Human Services. Mr. Fordice has already secured a waiver

from the Clinton administration that will go into

effect on Nov. 1 to allow Mississippi to prohibit

mothers on welfare from collecting extra ben-The governor said he was convinced that mothers on welfare became pregnant precisely so that they could collect the \$24 a month in Emergency? You can count on

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cel, or move, his tower?

Ramos Dreams of His Own Tower

SEOUL -- President Kim Young Sam ordered a full investigation Monday into accusations that Roh Tae Woo, his predecessor and close ally, operated a huge

The allegations by Mr. Roh's former top security aide that he had managed a 48.5 mer boss set off panic selling Monday on

Mr. Roh's former aide, Lee Hyun Woo, headed the Agency for National Security
Planning, the South Korean equivalent of their position."

ling 400 billion won of illegal fundamental political analysts said that how Mr. Kim handled his biggest crisis arrest as new charges surfaced.

By Keith B. Richburg

Washington Post Service

ington Monument. Paris has the Eiffel Tower.

And not to be outdone, the Philippines is soon

to have the Centennial Tower. That is, if President Fidel V. Ramos has his

Mr. Ramos, a former general and civil en-

gineer by training, conceived of the tower as a new symbol of the Philippines' modernization

drive, and a tribute to the country's inde-pendence hero, Jose Rizal, who was executed

by the Spanish in 1898. The date is regarded

here as the country's true break from colo-

nialism although actual independence didn't come until nearly 50 years later, after World

The planned \$200 million tower is to rise

390 feet above the city, in a spot called the

Luneta just behind the Rizal monument in Rizal Park. On paper, it resembles the Eiffel Tower twisted like a pretzel.

As Mr. Ramos envisions it, the tower will

house a telecommunications center, a mu-

seum, a revolving restaurant, office space—and maybe a honeymoon suite. The 16

columns at the base will represent the 16

'It's the president's idea," said Archie Inlong, the spokesman for the Transportation

The tower is to be built with private money

from local and foreign investors. It is to be completed by 1998, the centennial of Mr.

Rizal's death, and, coincidentally, the end of

longer around, it is doubtful the tower will be

built. The chorus of criticism that has greeted it

A "bayside monstrosity," said a newspaper

That is just as well, for if Mr.Ramos is no

regions of the Philippines.

and Communications Department.

Mr. Ramos's term as president.

has been deafening.

MANILA - Washington has the Wash-

the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, could determine the future of his governing while Mr. Roh was president.

In the first sign of public anger over the scandal, 300 stone-throwing students bat-

billion won (\$63 million) fund for his for- tions, was quoted by the Yonhap news agency as saying that everyone involved in the case should be investigated, "irrespec-position lawmaker accused him of control-

ourselves." said Amando Doronila, a political

dubbed, is being derided as everything from a

modern-day tower of Babel to an egotistically phallic symbol by yet another Philippine pres-

ident bent on erecting costly edifices across the

city's poverty-stricken landscape.

Artists and historians have organized against it. At the University of the Phillippines. seminars are held to discuss ways to stop it.

It is hard to isolate the specific objections to

the tower. The simplest and most common

complaint is that, based on the one known

published drawing of the tower, it is ugly. "Obviously, taste cannot be democratized,"

wrote a columnist. Conrado de Quiros, in the

is it for the government to be constructing a

futuristic tower in a city of widespread poverty, especially at a time of steep increases in rice

prices, creeping inflation and a steadily widen-

leaders erecting costly monuments since it harks back unpleasantly to the conjugal dictatorship of Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos.

"It's a crazy thing," said Randolf S. David, a sociologist at the University of the Philip-

pines. "We need a communications tower in this day and age. As to whether it should be a

centennial tower, and whether it should be placed in such an historic place as Luneta, is a

Will Mr. Ramos eventually relent and can-

They will relocate it," Mr. David pre-

But others are not so sure that good taste and

aesthetics will eventually win out. "It's even

money the Ramos administration will go

through with it," said one commentator, ncc Adrian Cristobal. "Artists and culturalists

dicted. "I think they'll listen to such views."

ng gap between the haves and have-nots? Filipinos are particularly sensitive to their

He had another complaint: How appropriate

"The Ramos Tower," as it has been

Democratic Liberal Party, which faces parliamentary elections in April.

Mr. Kim, in New York attending the United Nations' 50th anniversary celebrations, was quoted by the Vonber 1 South Korean president in modern times,

ng 400 billion won of illegal funds. Opposition parties demanded Mr. Roh's senior Japanese leaders next

Future Is Bright

For Hong Kong,

would thrive under Chinese

rule and might even become the

world's richest city.

In a speech to business executives in London, Mr. Panen looked beyond the worries on

human rights that cloud current

talks between London and Bei-

Kong to China from Britain on

"Hong Kong represents so much economic momentum, is

going to come juddering to a halt 600 days from now? Of course not," he said.

"I believe that within half a

lifetime, given a chance, Hong Kong could become the richest

city in the world, combining eco-

nomic freedom and human dig-

hoped China would respect the

agreements covering Hong Kong's transfer, but avoided sensitive issues such as the fu-

ture of its newly-democratized Legislative Council and its Bill

Beijing has sworn to disman-

In his speech, Mr. Patten

called on China to reassure those

who were worried about the

tle the council because it was elected under rules that China

out their terms to 1999.

Mr. Patten made clear that he

nity," he told the executives.

June 30, 1997.

In Okinawa amentary elections in April. Mr. Kim, the first civilian to be elected Is Possible. **Perry Says**

TOKYO - Defense Secretary William J. Perry will meet

week to study measures to scale back U.S. bases in Okinawa to ease mounting tensions there, a Japanese Defense Agency official said Monday. Mr. Perry is to visit Japan late

this month, and he will meet with Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama, Defense Agency Chief Seishiro Eto and possibly Governor Asserts Foreign Minister Yohei Kono before leaving for Seoul in ear-Reuters
LONDON— Hong Kong's governor, Chris Patten, predictly November, the official said.

His visit coincides with pubgovernor, Chris Patten, predict- lic anger on the southern ed Monday that the territory Japanese island of Okinawa about the continued U.S. troop presence after the rape of a 12-year-old girl, allegedly by three U.S. soldiers.

Up to 80,000 Okinawans joined a demonstration on Saturday, calling for the 27,000 U.S. troops to be sent home and jing over the transfer of Hong the bases closed.

Mr. Perry said Sunday in Washington that the United States expected to keep its military bases on Okinawa, despite it really conceivable that it is mounting calls for a withdrawal. But he said that the United States would consider any proposals the Japanese govern-ment might make in terms of adjusting forces there.

"We will do everything we can to accommodate the concerns of the Okinawans," he added. "But both the United States and Japan will want to keep military forces there." The Japanese official said on

Monday: "Discussing the bases in Okinawa is one of the subjects that will be discussed. Both sides will study practical ways to downsize the bases there.

Both Japanese and U.S. Em-bassy officials said details of Mr. Perry's schedule had not yet been worked out.

opposes and rejects Hong Kong's assertion that its mem-The deputy chief of the Debers should be allowed to serve fense Agency, Naoaki Murata, said that Japan and the United States "are not in a stage where they can set a dateline" for a reduction of U.S. forces. Japan's government spokes-

man on Monday welcomed Mr. Perry's remarks that Washington would consider any plan by Japan regarding a cut in forces. United States is fully aware of the situation in Okinawa and takes it seriously," said the spokesman, Koken Nosaka.

Mr. Nosaka said the government would present fresh proposals for U.S. troop cuts during Mr. Perry's visit.

China Executes 10 Gangsters

BEUING —Ten gangsters convicted of kidnapping peasant girls from the streets of Beijing for sale to brideless farmers have been executed in Shanxi Province the official Legal Province, the official Legal Daily said Monday.

Fourteen other defendants

were sentenced to long prison terms after trials in Suzhou in what the newspaper called one of the biggest cases of trafficking in women on record.

The Suzhou People's Intermediate Court sentenced the 24 at a public rally on Aug. 27. The doomed 10 were immediately executed, the report said. There was no explanation for the delay in reporting the trial.

The court was told that between 1992 and 1995, the gang from Sichuan Province specialized in duping girls in Beijing's chaotic labor market by offering to help them find city jobs, only to bundle them off for sale

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SOMETHING IN THE AIR — Tokyo pedestrians strolling under several huge paper lanterns bearing photos of wanted members of the Aum Shinrikyo cult.

Cult Chief's Lawyer Hurt

TOKYO - The lawyer for the cult leader, Shoko Asahara, has been hurt in a car crash, but Mr. Asahara's murder trial for the nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway will open hursday as scheduled, officials said.

Earlier, Shoji Yokoyama, Mr. Asahara's only lawyer, said he had hurt his back in a crash Sunday and was told he needed to rest two weeks. In a statement issued by the Aum Shinri Kyo cult, the lawyer said he did not feel he would be able to attend Thursday's opening

Mr. Yokoyama in the hospital and that he had of her political party.
told them he planned to be in court Thursday.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who was freed Under Japanese law, a murder trial session cannot be held if the defendant's lawyer is unable to be in court. Mr. Asahara faces murder charges in the deaths of 12 people killed when nerve gas was released March 20. (AP)

Hanoi Reshapes Regime

HANOI - Vietnam confirmed details of a governmental shake-up on Monday that it said was aimed at fighting bureaucratic inefficiency. Some analysts said the move also had wider political and economic considerations. Under the move, confirmed by the Foreign Ministry, eight government bodies are being merged into three new super-ministries -- a

Ministry of Agriculture, a Ministry of Industry and a Ministry for Planning and Investment. Four ministers will lose their cabinet positions, while eight are being either promoted or moved into new posts.

A North Korean Denial

TOKYO — North Korea gave its first lengthy commentary on Monday on the shooting of a suspected Pyongyang spy in the South last week, accusing Seoul and Washington of fabricating the incident.

Last Tuesday, the South Korean Defense Ministry said an infiltrator, whom it identified as a North Korean agent, was shot and killed by South Korean border troops.

It said another person survived. On Friday, South Korea said a rifle and other equipment was found near the spot of the shooting and that it was thought to belong to a third agent. "The United States and the South Korean

cident of 'infiltration of an armed spy'," the North Korean official daily Rodong Sinmun said Monday.

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"The 'incident' is really a clumsy drama,"
the paper said. The commentary was carried by the official Korean Central News Agency

monitored in Tokyo. In a report on Friday, South Korea's Yonhap news agency had asserted that the North Korean regime was accusing Seoul of fabricating the incident

Burma Snubs Laureate

RANGOON- Burma's military govern But a spokesman for Tokyo District Court ment has ruled that the opposition leader, Daw said Monday that court officials had met with Aung San Suu Kyi, cannot resume leadership Aung San Suu Kyi, cannot resume leadership

from six years of house arrest in July, was reinstated on Oct. 9 as general-secretary of the National League for Democracy, which she helped found.

But the election commission has ruled that the appointment is illegal, citing a 1991 rule banning changes in party leadership without approval of the commission, a commission

The ruling also prevents Tin Oo and Kvi Maung, former political prisoners released in March, from assuming their new posts as vice

VOICES From Asia

Nguyen Minh Tu, of Vietnam's Central Institute for Economic Management, on a cabinet reshuffle in Vietnam: "It's a necessary and indispensable part of Vietnam's broader transaction to a market economy. What we're seeing here is a readjustment of the government structure to suit the new conditions. It will help the state economic sector to become

more independent." Lin Wen, a senior United Wa State Army commander in Burma, on new fighting on the Golden Triangle between the country's most powerful guerrilla armies: "We must fight

Khun Sa and defeat him or else he will completely swallow the Wa people like he has done to so many other groups." (Reuters) Chris Patten, governor of Hong Kong, on the colony's future under Chinese rule: "Hong Kong represents so much economic momenturn, is it really conceivable that it is going to "The United States and the South Korean authorities invented another anti-DPRK in
Of course not."

Come juddering to a halt 600 days from now?

(Reuters)

Battle Rages in Tamil's Stronghold

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposeties
COLOMBO — Figerce bastles continued in northern Sri Lanka on Monday as the army pressed a major offensive on a killing six Sinhalese villagers. rebel stronghold.

rebels of a new massacre of of killing six Sinhalese civilians civilians in retaliation for the in the island's southeast. offensive.

The Tigers are stepping up the victims to death in the repressure on us to deflect our push on Jaffna, a senior military and a senio itary officer said.

Security forces killed at least 75 guerrillas from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and lost 29 of their own men when advancing through rebel-held territory in the northern Jaffna ernment attributed the attacks Peninsula, the military said.

More than 50 soldiers and about 150 guerrillas were wounded in the battles overnight and Monday morning a monday morning to spread terror among Sinhalese peasants in an effort to blust the Jaffina As fighting escalated in the redeployment of government capital. Jaffna Peninsula amid stiff troops from the north to guard

rebel resistance to the six-day scores of vulnerable villages in vanced at least three kilometers army advance, a military the east. spokesman for the government said the Tamils retaliated by

The intensifed fighting came The military accused the as the police accused the rebels

Rebel gunmen cut and beat "The Tigers are stepping up pressure on us to deflect our mote village of Kotivagala in police said.

The massacre Monday fol-lowed the slaughter of 73 Sinhalese peasants Saturday in three villages across the island's eastern region. The gov-

to the guerrillas. The military said the guer-

The military said that civilian

massacres hardened the resolve The rebels are seeking to peninsula officials said. carve out an independent nation in the northern and eastern re-

by Sri Lanka's 2 million mi- fice that the army advance in According to the military,

the latest casualties brought to 647 the total number killed since the army launched its offensive, codenamed Sunshine,

Of the total, 530 have died in the offensive, with the remainder killed in ethnic violence outside the peninsula, including in a guerrilla rocket attack that ing, a military spokesman said. offensive by trying to force the devastated oil reserves in the

Government forces have ad- defend.

(two miles) inside rebel-held territory since launching the offensive from the Palaly military of security forces to take Jaffna. base at the northern tip of the

However, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam said in a gions, which are called Eelam statement from its London of-'ferocious counterartack' by

the guerrillas.
The LTTE counterattack has caused enormous casualties on the military side." the state-ment said. "Exact figures are in the Jaffna Peninsula on Oct. still not known. The fighting is continuing in Atchchelu area of the peninsula, A military spokesman,

Sarath Munasinghe, denied the rebel claim and said the army had captured Atchehelu, a town eight kilometers from Jaffna, which the Tigers have vowed to

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Free Democrats Trounced in Berlin

Party Leader Is Blamed

BONN — Economics Minister Günter Rexrodt came under pressure to resign on Mon- Mr. Rexrodt. day after the Free Democrats suffered an embarrassing defeat in the Berlin state election on

Mr. Rexrodt, criticized as a lackluster figure who failed to whip up support for the party during the campaign, said he would step down as chairman of the party's Berlin chapter, but a senior party official said he should give up his minister's

Responding to questions about whether Mr. Rexrodt should remain minister, Peter Liesar, justice minister of Rhineland-Palatinate, said, "If you ask me, no."

But Mr. Caesar added that he did not expect the Free Democrats to move immediately to oust Mr. Rexrodt for fear it could spark a new personnel debate and harm the party's chairman, Wolfgang Gerhardt, who took up the job in June.

Continuing a string of election defeats that has the party fighting to survive, the Free Democrats crashed out of the Berlin assembly on Sunday with just 2.5 percent of the vote, after winning 7.1 percent in 1990.

The party's national leader-

ship sought to control the damage from the Berlin election and dismissed speculation about

"We are all of the opinion that we have a good federal economics minister who is doing a good job and will continue to do so," said the general-sec-retary, Guido Westerwelle.

Sunday's state election, held six years after the fall of East German communism, showed that the reform communist Party of Democratic Socialism was, with 36.3 percent of the vote, the most popular party in the east. In old West Berlin, though, it polled only 2.1 per-

The support for Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats was less lopsided, but still markedly split. It won 45.4 percent of the western vote for the city-state's legislature and only 23.6 percent of the eastern electorate.

"Five years after reunification, Berlin seems politically and socially more divided that at any time since the Wall fell," the newspaper Der Tagesspiegel commented. "East Germany officially joined West Germany, but its former citizens obviously think the traditional western parties do not defend their inter-



(Reuters, AP) Mr. Rexrodt arriving at a party meeting in Bonn on Monday.

Chess Match Begins As NATO Searches For Its New Leader

By Tom Buerkle ional Herald Tribuni

BRUSSELS -- NATO govalliance as consultations failed to produce a consensus on either of two leading candidates.

The apparent lack of progress led some officials to predict that the search would turn in other directions, a process

that could take several weeks. Officials said the alliance was determined to proceed surely rather than swiftly. They noted that Willy Claes was chosen quickly after the death of Manfred Worner last year only to be forced to resign last week over charges that he had been involved in an alleged bribery and kickback scheme on defense contracts in the 1980s.

"They want to get it right this time," a NATO official

said. The lack of urgency was clear in New York, where, on the margins of events celebrating the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, the prime ministers and foreign ministers of NATO's 16 member countries held preliminary discussions about the post.

One senior European official said that the NATO governments had not decided anything about the succession. "They don't see much of a field yet so support for him from NATO they are hesitant," the official

when, could emerge on Wednesday when President York. Jacques Chirac of France goes to Bonn for an informal dinner meeting with Chancellor Helmut Kohl, some officials said.

Potential French and Gering candidates, Uffe Ellemann-Jensen of Denmark and Ruud to do so by NATO. Lubbers, the former prime minister of the Netherlands.

Mr. Ellemann-Jensen, a foropposition Liberal Party, was er of the European Union.

still the only declared candidate

on Monday. Niels Helveg-Petersen, who took over as foreign minister ernments saw little prospect on from Mr. Ellemann-Jensen in Monday of quickly finding a 1993, praised his predecessor in new secretary-general for the a telephone interview as "an eloquent advocate for the al-

> He also pointed to Mr. Ellemann-Jensen's strong advocacy of the security interests of Eastern Europe, whose membership ambitions are one of the top priorities facing the al-

NATO sources continued to spress concern that France might veto Mr. Ellemann-Jensen in retaliation for Denmark's stiff criticism of France's renewed testes of nuclear weapons in the South Pa-

A French official who spoke on condition of anonymity said Monday that Mr. Lubbers was the preferred candidate of Mr.

The Dutch government ap-parently lobbied hesitantly on behalf of Mr. Lubbers.

Sources said that both the government and Mr. Lubbers were wary of reliving the disappointment of his failed candidacy for the presidency of the European Commission last year, which was torpedoed by Chancellor Helmut Kohl of

members, then I could not rule said.

A better indication of who might succeed Mr. Claes, and out that Lubbers would be available," Prime Minister Wim Kok of the Netherlands said Sunday night in New

> Mr. Kok is expected to raise the issue when he meets with Mr. Chirac in Paris on Thurs-

Foreign Minister Hans van man vetoes appeared to be the Mierlo said the government main obstacles to the two lead- would propose Mr. Lubbers officially only if it were requested

Dutch officials, however, have not ruled out supporting Hans van den Broek, the former mer foreign minister and cur- foreign minister and currently rently the leader of Denmark's the foreign affairs commission-

Swiss of Two Minds About EU

BERN -- Switzerland's finance minister, Ono Stich, whose Social Democrats made record gains in weekend elections. said Monday that the vote showed the Swiss needed time to

make up their minds about joining the European Union.

Swiss voters gave the pro-EU Social Democrats their strongest victory ever while at the same time helping anti-EU rightists from the Swiss People's Party.

The two parties "have both won," Mr. Stich said in an interview. "That means for me that the government in the

next years will certainly not be able to force a decision."

Europe was the main issue in the campaign, and analysts said the result would lead to a further polarization in the cabinet and more heated debate about entry into the European

Millions of Poor Are Still Hungry

ROME - The UN Food and Agriculture Organization said Monday that a global economic recovery had done little to improve conditions for millions of hungry people.

In a major annual report, the agency warned that the gains of increased trade had been extremely uneven and world markets were "plagued" by distortive intervention and pro-tection in old and new forms.

"There is a global economic recovery under way - but millions of people, mainly in African countries that are less well integrated into the world economy - are yet to see its wrote the agency's director general, Jacques

Rules for Labeling 'Novel' Foods

BRUSSELS - After more than a year of debate, European Union ministers agreed Monday on rules for marketing and

labeling genetically engineered and other "novel" foods. The controversial legislation now goes to the European Parliament, where it is expected to face tough scrutiny from deputies who advocate strict regulation of biotechnology prod-

The text lays down procedures for authorizing foods like the much-publicized "Flavr Savr" tomato, which has been genetically altered to stay ripe without rotting, for the European market. The proposal does not require that all genetically modified foods be labeled, as some governments had wanted. Instead, it requires labels in certain circum-

European Union events scheduled for Tuesday:

BRUSSELS: Interior Minister Johan Vande Lanotte of Belgium presides over a ministry-level meeting from the 10 countries that signed the Schengen Convention for free circulation of goods and people within the European Union.

STRASBOURG: European Parliament holds plenary session during which Jacques Santer, the Commission president, is expected to announce the commission's decision on whether to take legal action against French nuclear tests in the South Pacific.

BRUSSELS: Transport Commissioner Neil Kinnock meets with Russia's deputy transport minister, Arkady Su-Sources: AFP, Agence Europe

43 Parties Make Russia Vote Deadline

MOSCOW — More than 40 political parties submitted applications to run in Russia's parliamentary election before Sunday's midnight deadline, but only eight of them can be confident they will be allowed into the race.

The deputy head of the Central Elec-Alexander Commission, Ivanchenko, said at a news conference on Monday that most of the 43 applicants shad turned up with the required 200,000 signatures of support in the final hours of

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sia movement, so the group that led President Boris N. Yeltsin to power in 1990 is out of the contest, Mr. Ivanchenko

But Mr. Yeltsin's key ally, Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin's bloc Our Home is Russia, is one of the eight groups

whose registrations for the Dec. 17 voting have already been officially announced. Also among the certain runners are the president's main opponents — Commu-

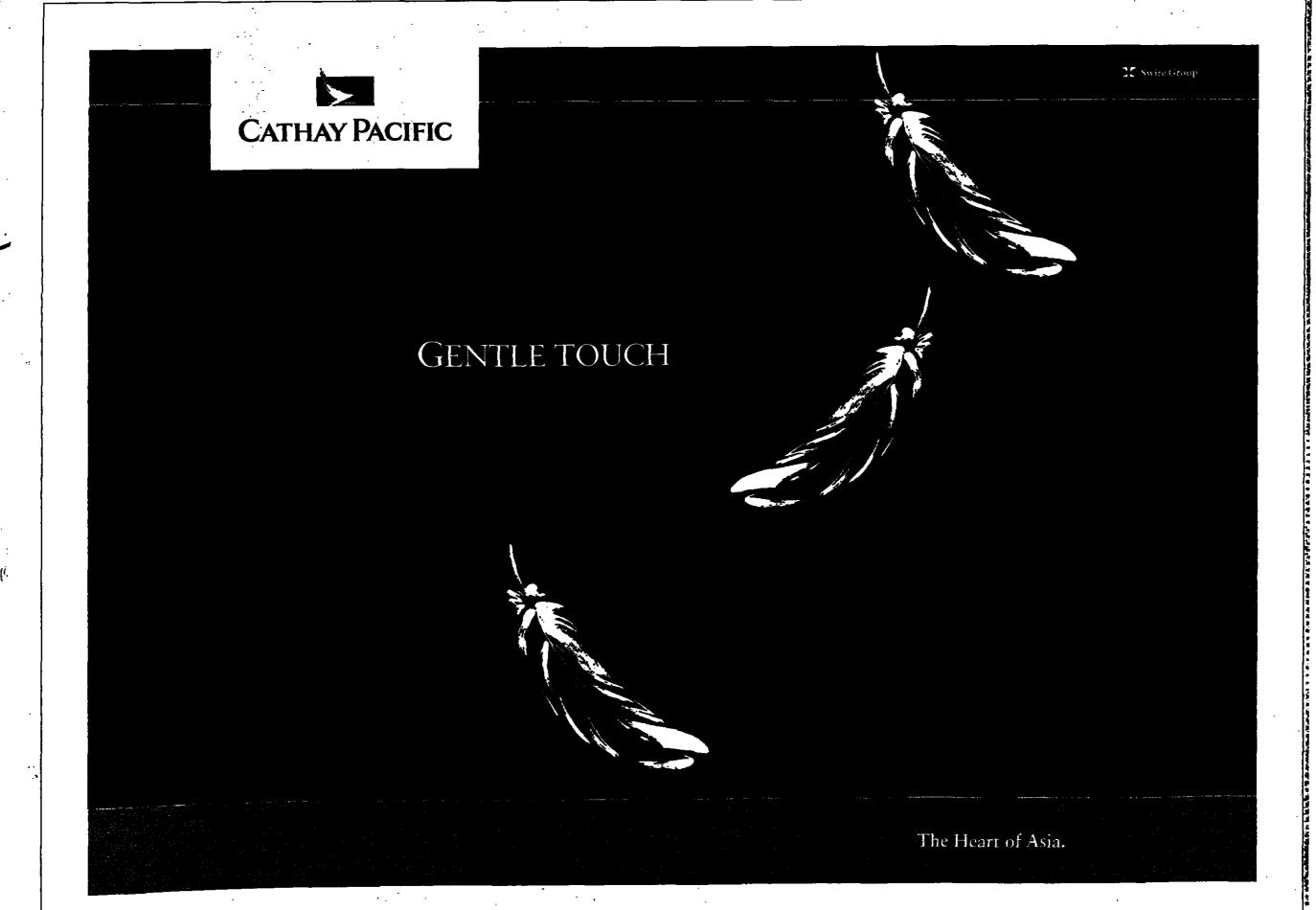
nists, agrarians and extreme nationalists. Papers submitted by 35 other groupings will be scrutinized by the commis-

titions of support for the Democratic Rus- mistakes and deliberate violations of regulations, Mr. Ivanchenko said.

Nikolai Ryabov, head of the electoral commission, told reporters on Saturday that police had investigated complaints of bribery, doorstep threats and other sharp practices by party workers.

He said reported abuses included buying votes, veiled threats and the widespread practice by many party workvotes, veiled threats and the ers of claiming the affiliation of wellknown people, without their knowledge, to win support.

"We have sent certain complaints to the Interior Ministry and they will take sion staff had finished stamping the pe- sion in the next 10 days for possible sanctions," Mr. Ryabov said.



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In Vienna For Business

WHEN LOOKING AT VIENNA'S present or future, its past must always be kept in mind. At the turn of the century, some 2 million people lived there, and it was the world's fourth-largest city. Since then, it has lost at least half a million inhabitants. Vienna was also the capital of an empire that dated from the 1200s and at its height covered most of Central Europe. The imperial grandeur of the Hapsburgs remains only in the architectural sense; the empire's power

evaporated long ago.
After World War II, the victorious Allies occupied Austria, and the Viennese experienced the full, grim force of a marauding Red Army out for the spoils of victory. Not until 1955 was Austria allowed to become an independent state, and then only on the condition that it remain neutral.

Austria is playing an im-portant role in the development of Central and Eastern Europe. In particular, the dynamism of its industrialists illustrates the importance of private trade relations in the restructuring of the former communist economies. Viennese bankers, hotel builders, beer salesmen and engineers pack planes and trains to the east.

The Viennese are nothing if not resilient. Over the centuries, what is now Austria has been invaded by the Romans, the Huns, the Slovenes, the Turks, the Germans and a great many other peoples. Austria's former role as a battlefield is the result of its geographical position, which gives it borders with no fewer than six countries. One joke has it that "Vienna is where East thinks it's West - and vice versa." A paradox is that this once imperial but still cosmopolitan city has a provincial air, from the secretaries in their traditional. tight-waisted diradl skirts to people settling into their midatternoon corree with cream and rich pastries as though cholesterol had never been discovered. Note, too, the common use of the expression "Grüss Gott" ("God's greetings") - a distinctly old-fashioned usage.

This provincial air is misleading, however. Vienna's banking and business executives are internationalists to a man (there are few female executives in the upper ranks). They trade with anyone who offers a good deal. An outpost of the Western world in the East after the Second World War, Vienna today seeks to be the center of gravity of another Europe, more open and vast. For this, it will draw upon old ties in Central and Eastem Europe and the presence it established well before the collapse of Communism.

💭 In a Word

The official language is German, but even Germans need a glossary and a keen ear to understand Viennese dialect. English is gaining ground as the business language of this cultural and geographical crossroads between Western and Eastern Europe. The city's name in German is Wien.

(a) At a Glance

The beart of Vienna is within the Ringstrasse, an inner-ring road lined with former palaces. Most of the city's political, economic, and cultural life flows around the Ringstrasse. At stalls, Always good, and

one end are the Stock Exchange, the University, the Burg Theater, the Rathaus (city hall) and Landtmann, one of the great coffeehous-

In the middle is the Opera, a city within the city, with its great performances and disputes of operatic intensity over their merits. Within the Opera neighborhood, the most important names to note are Kärntnerstrasse and Stephansplatz, both around the cathedral, and the Graben, with its cafés and bookstores. Most of this neighborhood is now one huge pedestrian zone, wonderful for quiet explorations of the many architectural splendors but an obstacle if one has an urgent appoint-

A Getting Around

newer metro overcome most

obstacles.

There is the very clean and extensive U-bahn subway system, and everyone from government ministers to the women who clean their offices - uses the oldfashioned streetcars along the Ring. You can buy strips of tickets at Tabak Trafik (cigar stores).

The Viennese don't like using taxis, which are ex-



ensive. Tip cabbles about 10 percent of the metered

A quaint and fun way to get around if you're not in a huge hurry is by fiaker, a horse-drawn carriage. Fiaker stands dot the inner city.

Wining & Dining

One of Vienna's legacies of empire is a cuisine that runs the gamut from Bohemian (in the geographical sense) to Italian. Powidtatschkerin (plum jam pastries) originated in old Bohemia, now part of Czechoslovakia; goulash and other spicy dishes came from Hungary; and the famous Wiener Schnitzel was invented in Milan. Tafelspitz (boiled beef) is another specialty. And then there are the famous pastries. Vienna has at least four categories of dining establishments:

 Elegant restaurants for local and visiting people with deep pockets or ex-

• Beisln (from the Yiddish), simple and relatively inexpensive taverns found all over town.

· Coffeehouses, where people go to eat, talk, think, read the papers and play chess or billiards.

• Heurige (new wine) taverus on the edge of the city. City dwellers would almost certainly add pastry shops, a Viennese institution, of which the most famous is Demel, 14 Kohlmarkt. In a completely different category are the Würstlstand, or sausage

U.S. fast-food chains.

charge is usually added to the restaurant check, but it's customary to round this off to about 20 percent. Here are a few recommended restaurants:

Do & Co. 12 Stephans-platz. Tel.: 535-3969. Atop the modern Haas Haus office and shopping building, with a view of the cathedral.

The cuisine is a mixture of

East and West. Drei Husaren, 4 Weihburggasse. Tel.: 51210920. Many generations of leading Viennese families have eaten here, making this one of the oldest and most distinguished restaurants. An institution.

ment on the other side. The Fighmüller, 5 Wollzeile. traditional streetcars and the Tel.: 512-6177. A favorite for the local schnitzel and potato salad.

Gulaschmuseum, Schülerstrasse. Tel.: 512-1017. A very wide variety of the Hungarian speciality, including one with mushrooms.

Korso, Hotel Bristol. Tel.: 515160. A hotel restaurant in the grand style that leans toward French nouvelle cuisine. Immaculate service. Located across from the

Salzamt, 1 Ruprecht-splatz. Tel.: 533-5332. A very lively front bar with a back dining room packed with media and advertising people. Food is good, too.

Steiereck, 2 Rasumofskygasse. Tel.: 7133168. Regional and modern Austrian dishes, excellent wines, and service. Government ministers and leading bankers and business executives are to be seen here. Some regard it as the best in town.

Coffee-drinking is a way of life in Vienna. The inhabitants' passion for the drink dates from the Turkish invasion and occupation, which didn't end until 1683. The best coffee houses are city landmarks and many have historical associations -Trotsky drinking incognito in the Café Central; Orson Welles at the Mozart; Freud. Marlene Dietrich and notori-

ous spies at the Landtmann. Bräunerhof, 2 Stall-burggasse. Tel.: 512-3893. Diglas, 10 Wollzeile. Tel.: 512-8401.

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Considered one of the finest examples of Viennese architecture, the Imperial was inaugurated as a hotel by the Emperor Franz Joseph ! for the World Exhibition in 1873. The hotel was recently restored to its original glory, right down to the smallest details that define luxury, without neglecting the modern accountrements.

The Austrian Empire may be long gone, but guests at the Imperial can still count on being treated like royalty by its solicitous staff. The concierge staff is available to make all the arrangements necessary to experience the rich cultural and social life of the city. Or, groups can take advantage of conference programs that include cultural activities and special meals.

The Imperial has 128 rooms, including 32 suites. Its fine restaurant serves traditional cuisine of the former Austrian Empire, and there is also a café, where guests can sample sinfully rich Viennese pastries, including the world-renowned Imperial Torte, and a piano bar.

The fin de siècle Hotel Bristol is paradise for traveling executives, offering traditional elegance and pampering service to its guests. There is a chauffeured limousine service, and the Bristol Executive Club offers an exclusive lounge and bar to its guests. Some of the guest rooms and House, which is located right across the street, and the concierge staff can arrange tickets for performances and

other cultural activities. One of the Bristol's two restaurants, the renowned Korso, has a well-deserved reputation as the best restaurant in Austria. The hotel has 142 rooms, and its luxurious penthouses and 13 theme suites make it one of the most coveted addresses in Vienna. It also boasts a cafe, a bar and live musical entertain-

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A Hard Look

As the leaders of nearly every nation on earth mark the 50th anniversary of the United Nations this week, they must do more than fill the General Assembly hall with platitudes and snarl New York City traffic. They owe it to themselves and their citizens to take a hard look at the norganization they are honoring. Without significant changes in organization and behavior, the UN will lose its remaining effectiveness and public support.

In recent years, the Security Council, no longer paralyzed by Cold War vetoes, has dominated the UN's business and finances. That has led to two problems. One is the proliferation of overambitious peacekeeping operations that have brought public discredit and nearbankruptcy. The other is the disproportionate voting power of the council's five permanent members — the United States. Britain, China, France and Russia.

These five reflect the power realities of 1945 better than today's. Ways have to be found to include Germany, Japan and major developing countries without making the council unwieldy. Meanwhile, peacekeeping needs to be brought back to its earlier pattern, where UN blue belmets were introduced only after warring parties had begun to negotiate peace.

The UN remains an underachiever in what should be one of its natural endeavors - economic and social development. One reason is the multiplication of duplicative agencies that have become little more than loudspeakers for wishful rhetoric. The present Economic and Social Council needs to give way to a new Economic Security Council that would be taken seriously by the major economic powers and would coordinate its work with the World Bank. International Monetary Fund and World Trade Organization.

The UN cannot just be a closed club of governments. Private, nongovernmental organizations are beginning to play a role. Many have been granted official UN status and their forums have become an important element at international conferences. These groups should be protected from political interference.

On financial management, there has been significant progress in the last two years. The main problem now is the continued insistence of member countries on imposing expensive and unsuitable patronage appointees on the Secretariat and UN agencies. No political body is free of patronage, but profligate waste at headquarters while the UN and its agencies run out of funds to meet emergency human needs in the field is intolerable.

The UN's annual budget is \$1.3 billion, a relatively small sum as these things go. The United States is assessed 25 percent of this, which is roughly proportionate to its share in the world economy. Nonetheless, it is unhealthy for one nation out of 185 to bear such a large share of the costs and perilous for the UN to have its budget depend so much on a single member, especially when Congress feels free to ignore the United States formal dues obligations.

The United Nations has disappointed some of the grander hopes of its founders. But it remains one of the world's essential institutions. It plays an indispensable role managing potentially dangerous conflicts between states and focusing attention on global issues such as the environment.

population and the status of women. The best way for its members to celebrate its imperfect first 50 years is to commit themselves to shape a more perfect United Nations for the future.

-- THE NEW YORK TIMES

Budget Brinksmanship

Republicans in Congress think it's unfair. They are using the time-honored tactic of delaying the legislation to raise the federal debt limit in their attempt to force President Bill Clinton to cooperate with their budget plans. They angrily complain that, instead of doing what they want it to do, the administration is frightening people by accusing the Republican leadership of steering the country to the brink of a huge financial catastrophe.

It's true that holding the debt legislation hostage is a device that's been used by both parties. But this case is different. For one thing, Republican leaders in-

cluding the speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, have been loud and clear about their willingness to force the U.S. government into default. For another, they are trying to carry out a staggeringly complex legislative maneuver that, even apart from (the leaders' intentions, is creating a rising risk of accidental default.

The size of the federal debt is limited by law - currently, to \$4.9 trillion. The actual amount is now within a hair's breadth of that limit.

The Republicans intend to raise the limit as part of a huge budget reconciliation bill that will guide spending policy for years into the future and will include all the fundamental changes in

Medicare, Medicaid and the federal welfare programs about which you've been reading. The idea is to drop the whole package on Mr. Clinton's desk just before the debt hits the limit and give him the choice between signing the whole thing or, if he vetoes it, throwing the United States into default.

But it's impossible to predict exactly when the debt will hit that figure. A few days ago, the Treasury said it would probably be in the first few days of November. That drew an outraged response from Mr. Gingrich, who had previously understood he had until Nov. 15 to pull this budget package together. In fact, it will take weeks to reconcile House and Senate variations on this monumental change in

the country's basic social policy.

Presumably the Republicans will next try to enact a small and temporary increase in the debt limit, calculated to expire when their budget package is scheduled for final enactment. It's a clever idea but too complicated to work with any degree of reliability. If the possibility of default begins to rattle investors, interest rates will rise. With \$4.9 trillion of debt outstanding, even a small increase would add tens of billions of dollars to the budget deficit that both parties are struggling to reduce. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

An Endangered Bill

The House Resources Committee has reported out a bill that in the name of reform would so weaken the Endangered Species Act as to leave little more than the name. It is overdrawn and ideologically driven legislation that if brought to the floor would likely split the Republican majority, as have an encouraging number of other such environmental bills in the last couple of months. The Republican leadership is said to want a more modest bill. We hope so. This one ought to be killed.

The Endangered Species Act has been converted into a caricature by certain of its critics, who maintain that the federal government bows to the color green and halts useful projects or activities to save useless creatures with funny names of which no one has ever heard.

What better evidence of the need to shrink the government and narrow the scope of rampant environmental regula-

tion? Except the image is largely false.

The act is indeed a powerful and important statute of last resort, but much less invoked and less disruptive than the highly politicized lore surrounding it would have you believe. The people who administer the act say they lack the resources to save more than a small fraction of the species actually threatened, so they continue to lose ground. They also say that rarely does a plan to save a species retard development or commercial use of the land, except nerhans on the margin; the goals of conservation and development can generally be made to coexist.

The bill nonetheless would hack away. Current law forbids harm not just to endangered species directly but to the habitat on which they depend, even when the habitat includes private land. The bill would greatly weaken habitat protection and require compensation of property owners whose holdings continued to be affected by those weaker regulatory steps

that the bill would allow. It would carve a hole in the basic goal of the act by allowing less than a full recovery plan to be developed for an endangered species if whatever administration in power decided that was the

proper thing to do. All this it would do in the name of moderation; the goal is said to be simply to ease the burden the act imposes on private enterprise and private property. At the same time, however, the administration is seeking funds to ease that burden in other and more likely ways - and getting howhere.

Among other things, it wants: egin a biological survey to identify threatened species early, while there is still " ne and room to save them without disruptive effect. Congress doesn't want to give the money; it says the survey would be intrusive. The critics say they're not out to destroy the act, just to soften its impact and then they block a proposal that would do just that. What the higher-putched critics really want is to make a political trophy of the act itself and mount it on a

wall. They ought to be stopped. -THE WASHINGTON POST.



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UN's Refugee Protection Agency Is at a Crossroads

GENEVA — The Cambodian peace agreement, signed four years ago in Paris, contained a special annex on repatriating refugees and restoring their basic rights. Before elections supervised by the United Nations could take place in Cambodia, nearly 400.000 refugees had to be sent home. Against considerable odds, the plan worked, largely because all parties agreed to cooperate with the of-fice of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the UNHCR.

Today, similar but different questions are being debated in Geneva and New York about prospects for the safe return home of some 2 million Rwandans from Zaire and Tanzania, and more than one million civilians from the former Yugoslavia. In both cases, the Cambodian precedent is useful. Provisions safeguarding the basic human rights of refugees and returnees, agreed to by all parties as a condition of any peace settlement, are essential in the case of Yugoslavia. For Rwanda, the agreements that already exist between the UNHCR and the governments concerned need to be more actively

applied on both sides of the border. These dramatic and highly publicized situations in Africa and Europe have come to symbolize the complexities of the global refugee problem. They have shaped discussion on a whole range of issues, including asylum, migration, foreign aid, human rights and national security. As a result, the international community has increasingly called upon the UNHCR to operate on both sides of borders where there is conflict, to ease tensions and protect civilians during fighting and immediately af-terward. Nonetheless, international refugee protection, like the UN system generally, is at a crossroads, with states often sending

mixed signals about what should be done. Dealing with civilians uprooted by war is a major challenge. Setting up and supporting camps can strain material resources and severely test the political, social and environmental stability of host nations. It is no longer possible to tackle parts of this problem in isolation from the whole. But however challenging it is to provide lifesaving relief to civilians fleeing conflict, it is often not as difficult or critical

as ensuring their effective protection. The essential underpinning of this system is, of course, respect for human rights and the rule of law. The breakdown of order and disregard for basic rights regularly force masses of people to leave their homes always a very painful decision. Violations of these same rights — through the militarization of refugee camps, the closing of international borders to those in need or

By Dennis McNamara

the mass expulsion of frightened civilians often block relief and protection.

Similarly, the absence of legal order and basic rights in countries that have finally ended their armed conflicts discourages those displaced from returning home. In Cambodia, basic human rights programs under the UN temporary administration were vital both for the return of refugees and for the elections.

Africa, Guinea and Ivory Coast have about establishing a single refugee camp.

Historically, the numbers are even more impresssive: 2 million Indochinese, 5 million Afghans, one million Ethiopians and more than 10 million Bangladeshis - all received refuge and in most cases even-

tually found new homes. Since the UNHCR was established 50 years ago, this system has provided real help to tens of millions of refugees and asylum-seekers. States, with the support of international and nongovernmental organizations, have generally made it work by supporting an agreed framework of principles as the basis for concerted action.

Of course, this has not been problemfree. In recent months, we have seen, in different regions, women and children fleeing conflict forced back into dangerous areas; asylum seekers held in subhuman conditions of detention, and thousands of refugees harshly expelled. Fortunately,

However, when trying to provide mass protection to victims of conflict, the international system has been tested to its limits and its flaws exposed. In some cases, governments have pulled back from the legal foundations needed for effective protection. This is a trend that must be reversed because protection is an essential frame-

Even under the most trying circumstances, the international system for refugee protection has generally responded humanely and effectively to the needs of millions who are forced from their homelands each year. In less than two months in 1994, poor countries in Africa took in more than a quarter of Rwanda's population. Some 700,000 people fleeing Bosnia and Croatia have found refuge in Western Europe, while additional numbers have gone to other former Yugoslav republics. In sorbed 750,000 Liberians, the latter with-

these examples are the exceptions.

work for resolving refugee problems.

There are, of course, serious political pressures in this area. Masses of civilians fleeing modern civil wars or collapsing states directly challenge the closely guarded sovereign right of neighboring nations

By Robert H. Phinny

to select those who enter their territory. Overnight, accidents of geography and history can wreak havoc on politically sensitive immigration plans. The understandable anguish this may cause in host countries needs to be constantly balanced against the anguish of the victims and their often desperate need for refuge.

In global terms, neither the financial nor the political costs of a positive response by states need be excessive, provided the burden is fairly shared and the issue not allowed to be overly politicized. Unfortunately, the status of refugees and illegal immigrants are often confused, and feelings about the latter group are generally negative. Even in the United States, a traditional haven for migrants, Congress is considering the toughest anti-immigration measures since the 1920s. Elsewhere, racist attacks on migrants have become common. When extremists are allowed to set the agenda in this area for purely political purposes, refugees and asylum-seekers usually suffer as well.

To resolve refugee problems, there needs to be a constant international focus on improving conditions in countries producing refugees. In the broad sense, these conditions may be economic and political; in the refugee context, however, they relate first to basic human rights and humaniarian conditions. Authorities in these countries must be pressed to meet their prime responsibilities in this key area if, for example, the repatriations to Rwanda or the former Yugoslavia are to succeed. Inputs

by the UN and the international community should support and supplement such efforts, but they can never replace them. State responsibility must remain at the center of efforts to get people home safely and prevent further displacement of populations.

The present international regime for protecting refugees grew out of the horrors of two world wars and their refugee consequences. It was based on a clear understanding of the need for an interna-tional legal framework to secure the rights of vulnerable minorities, particularly refugees. Those who founded the system realized that the best protection against refugee calamities was the rule of law and international consensus on key principles. within the wider human rights context. This regime, which the UNHCR has

been charged by governments to supervise, has come a long way in the last 50 years. But in 1995, it faces new challenges. The immediate test is to maintain the ability to respond quickly and effectively to humanitarian crises, while preserving intact the bedrock of basic principles.

Unless the millions of refugees from war and massive human rights violations can be properly protected, human suffering will be prolonged and the conflicts will not end.

The writer, director of the Division of International Protection in the office of the INHCR in Geneva, was formerly the United Nation's director of human rights in Cambodia. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.



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For Many Black South Africans, the Apartheid Era Isn't Over

PALM SPRINGS, California

— Black South Africans' expectations of a far better life soared when Nelson Mandela was elected president nearly a year and a half ago. The National Government of Unity reinforced these hopes.

promising improvements in living

conditions for black society. But although South Africa has improved its economy phenomenally since then, it is primarily the whites who have benefited. Most of the relatively few blacks who have realized their expectations hold high government or business positions. Deputy President Thabo Mbeki says the management of South Africa's economy remains in predominantly white hands and whites dominate many professions. For most blacks, life remains the same. with poor living conditions and

dismal iob prospects. Moreover, homelessness, unemployment and illiteracy remain major problems among black South Africans. In this sense, apartheid still exists; Mr. Mbeki has said that the apartheid struggle is not over.

serious social and economic problems that are worsening at a disturbing rate.

Heightened public fear and awareness of crime has the potential to develop into runaway hysteria, according to the minister of safety and security, Sydney Mufamadi.

South Africa's housing back-log can be overcome when highdensity developments are introduced and the concept of "one person, one plot" is removed, says National Housing Minister Sankie Mthembi-Nkondo.

The unemployment rate remains obdurately high. South Africans have been getting poorer since 1980, says the latest Economic Spotlight published by ABSA Bank's Economic Re-

search Department. The direction in which South African society is now going must be reversed, and the effort to accomplish this reversal must be made now, with the help of the

could be headed for a disaster that would take it back to the pre-election era of grave racial tensions.

The first move needs to be made by the South African government. It must decide, and soon, when it is going to give the highest priority to an urgent need: providing blacks with first-rate education and training, along with sufficient apprenticeships and jobs, all at a super-accelerated pace. These steps are necessary to enable blacks to share in the wealth created by South Africa's economic rise, and to

propel it still farther ahead. Education, training and jobs would lead to far more black entrepreneurs and qualified managers. In turn, their presence would give impetus to merited redistribution of wealth, under conditions that would make certain that the free market prevails. This must also occur to bring about fuller black economic and social progress.

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cently, when he saw how his pos-

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the country being in a "funk" was being paired with Jimmy Canter's "malaise" avoidance of

blame, Mr. Clinton immediately

and unequivocally retreated. So

did Mr. Yeltsin on Mr. Kozyrev,

reinstating him overnight to the

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5. Use "what I meant was"

only when some basis exists for

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Mr. Clinton, accustomed to

sent and future. When other nations realize that the government has moved forward on the economic priorities of education and training, apprenticeships and jobs, they will also realize that if they make financial investments. they will contribute to the po-

litical and economic stability not

only of South Africa but of all

sub-Saharan Africa. Therefore, they will realize it is in their self-interest to invest in South Africa and likely will provide both finances and technical assistance that the government so desperately needs.

One more step needs to be taken swiftly, this one by the govemment: a crackdown on local government contuntion. Most of the nine South African provinces have mass corruption and misgovernance at the local level and it is growing, in large part because the legitimate government is not meeting black expectations.

"There is chaos in most governments' books, massive amounts of money are unaccounted for, somebody needs to create budgets, finance them from taxes, and do the policy formation which will allow this to happen," according to The Star newspaper.

Evidence of this corruption is popping up in numerous places. The school feeding program in the East Cape area has been de-frauded of 5 million rand, Minister Without Portfolio J. Naidoo said recently.

A huge property scandal has been uncovered that involves government departments - par-

This lack of improvement in international community. Unless ternational community in South of rand each year, reported the black living conditions has led to steps are taken soon, South Africa Africa's economic and social pre- Public Works Department director-general, Sipho Shezi. And international businessmen

rank South Africa the 21st most corrupt major trading nation, according to the New Corruption Index published recently by Transparency International, Berlin-based anti-corruption organization.

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But as important as combatting corruption is, the most important need is for better training and jobs for blacks.

On a recent visit to Johannesburg, Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany said flatly that there could be no social or political stability in South Africa without first-rate training and sufficient apprenticeships and jobs. The chancellor summed up the situation rightly.

Suffering can be avoided by the South African leadership. But what action will it decide to take — and when will it act?

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: King to Visit

LONDON - The approaching visit of the King of Portugal is beginning to create some interest. The Queen has given instructions that the King shall on his visit to this country be treated with the highest honors. King Carlos is to visit the German Emperor in Berlin on November 1 and will remain two days in the German capital.

1920: Seeking Spirits

NEW YORK - "Personally I don't believe in the existence of departed spirits," said Mr. Thomas A. Edison. He is perfecting a mechanism to make possible intercourse between the quick and the dead. "But if there are such spirits," he added, "they should be given a better opportunity of expressing themselves than tilting table, raps, ouija boards, and other crude methods now employed ... This new device of mine is so

delicate that if there are personalities in another existence, any effort they may make to get in touch with us will be intercepted and magnified to give whatever form of record is desired.

1945: Nazis Gather BUENOS AIRES - The swear-

ing in ceremony for the new Vice-President and four new Ministers provided the setting for a political demonstration by the Peron members of the Cabinet, military officers and Nationalist civilians distinguished by their Nazi sympathies and services. The composition of the group present at the ceremony attracted attention. It included Dr. Manuel Fresco, who is known for his Nationalist views and former pro-Axis sympathies, and Enrique P. Oses, editor of the defunct, blacklisted newspaper "El Pampero," which the Secretary of State once singled out in denunciation of his Axis activities in Argentina.

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Rules for Backtracking With Dignity

WASHINGTON — Much is being made of President Bill Clinton's hurried backtracking from his confession that his 1993 tax hike for the wealthy was not a good idea.

Evenhanded commentators have joined the Clinton disavowal of his confession with the announcement by Senator Bob Dole. his principal opponent, that the Dole campaign's rejection of a rieck from gay Republicans was a mistake.

But that's not all the backtracking we've seen recently. Last week, President Boris Yeltsin of Russia publicly dumped his foreign minister, Andrei Kozyrev, and a day later changed his mind, explaining what he meant was that the ministry needed a good deputy to answer the phones while Mr. Kozyrev traipsed around the world.

And this past summer, when the House speaker, Newt Gingrich. popped off to the effect that Taiwan should be independent, the hooting and hollering from Beijing caused Newt to turn sheepish and say he was only fooling.

We are witnessing a spate of embarrassed backtracking, flipflopping and what-I-meant-wasing. As a result, damage control is getting a bad name. There's a right way and a wrong way to retreat from an untenable

position. Here are my Rules for Sober Second Thought: I. Never use the subjunctive to equivocate in disavowal. Avoid statements that begin: "To the extent that my remarks offended" or "If anybody thought I meant": Dole's mistake on gays, and Mr. Gingrich's on Taiwan, was to let

By William Safire

assume instead that everybody took offense, and to the fullest extent. Better to say, "Look, I goofed," apologize once and move on.

2. Avoid the farigue excuse. There's a guy in every White House with a pail and shovel whose iob it is to follow the circus parade and clean up after the elephant. Last week, he was explaining that the tax gaffe came when the president was tired, but that didn't fit in the bucket because President Clinton had tried the notax-raiser-I line on two occasions.

Don't blame staff, even when it is clearly the fault of some idjot down the line. As Senator Dole discovered, this is sure to be ridiculed as "the staff made me do it." a variation of "the dog ate my homework." How much better it would have been to say, "I'm uncomfortable with that decision, which goes against my principles, so I'm changing my mind; I'd

The exemplar of this technique after another.

tends beyond politicians: When I wrote that O. J. Simpson "spoke white and lived white," I was rightly rebuked for racial stereotyping. (What I meant was that Mr. Simpson's long unconcern in identifying with the black community and its causes made hypocritical rather appear indecisive than stick his playing of the race card.) with being wrong," But the trouble with Mr. Clinton's flat assertion, made twice,

was John F. Kennedy after the Bay of Pigs; when he took "full responsibility," everybody assumed he was being noble, covering for a stupid staff decision, even though it was really a presidential plunder. Janet Reno has this down pat and gets away with one dumb move

In backtracking, the trick is to Move quickly to rectify error: cut losses quickly and cleanly. Be if you don't flip, you'll flop. Mr. a man. (Whoops! What I meant

that he thought his tax hike was excessive was that it left him no wiggle room: subsequent explanations of what he was "trying to say" rang faise. He would have been better off quoting Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia: "When I

make a mistake, it's a beaut."

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OPINION/LETTERS

Better That Whites Know About the Neighborhood

By Russ Rymer

ating loud and hard over the O. J. Simpson acquittal and the Million Man March, and the verdict seems unanimous: A new rift has opened between the races. The evidence offered is the disparity between while dismay and black exultation. But I read the evidence differently. In an important regard, these events have

brought Americans closer together. It is no mystery why whites sud-denly see the racial divide looming larger than before. Injustice is always more discernible from below.

For many whites, the races seem farther apart when they are disappointed and blacks are pleased than vice versa. But the white reaction neglects a fundamental disparity between black and white experinece, a gap the trial may have narrowed. It is the gap between those who cannot for a day or even an hour put aside the realities of race, and those who can ignore them at their convenience.

Or could ignore, until the Simpson verdict. Many whites feel personally wounded by the acquittal.

Many whites, especially liberals, prefer to talk about race as an issue as something distant and abstract, albeit important. They espouse proper opinions without any expense of sweat or adrenaline. Their composure is offered as evidence of reason and goodwill.

But it is also evidence of something else. Composure connotes power. It comes easily to those who have a home to go to at the end of the day where race does not intrude. It comes easily to those who can champion black rights without embracing a world in which blacks would have the same ability to define the culture and rule over and inconvenience whites to the degree that whites can inconvenience them.

When whites speak of black success, they usually mean the ability of blacks to conform to white expectations. Thus, inadvertently, whites put a stigma on achievement among a people already burdened by a historical tie between work and subservience. In a paternal white society, where blacks are judged either as disruptive or well-behaved, black aspirations can be crushed by the white seal of approval as surely as by hate.

In a more equal world, we would all be under each other's skin all the New York Times.

OS ANGELES — The American public has been deliberand ideas. Knowing that, some young and violent black men challenge white composure through criminal trespass and of course get nowhere. But what about the middleclass, law-abiding black man who also gets nowhere except stuck in the limbo of white consciousness?

The brilliance of the Million Man March was that it declared civic responsibility a black initiative, independent of white censure and white blessing. Whatever you think of Louis Farrakhan - I don't think much — his invective protected that initiative from a takeover by the approval of well-meaning whites.

The march was the second recent significant breakthrough toward black moral autonomy. The first occurred when O. J. Simpson was acquitted and whites went crazy. For the first time in memory, whites were helplessly upset at what the system had dealt them.

Their unguarded outrage resulted in a kind of social intimacy, and much of the black cheering had more to do with that intimacy than with the trial's outcome. They were welcoming whites to the neighborhood.

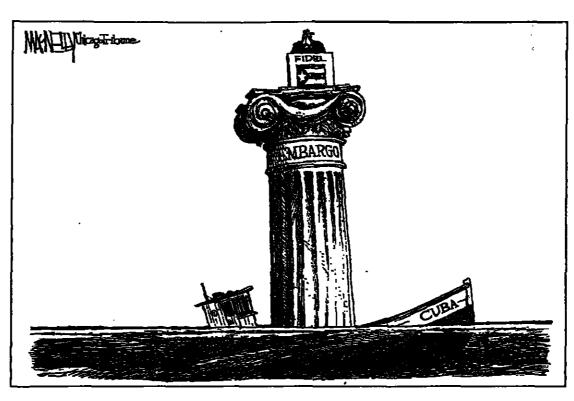
This intimacy is uncomfortable for whites. But for blacks it represents not a rift between the races but an opening in the veneer of white composure, through which they can enter into American life with an extra measure of equality.

Whether this momentary candor between whites and blacks leads to a wider divide will depend on whether whites rebuild the walls of imperviousness, on whether our new national dialogue recedes again into two isolated conversations.

Three years ago, after the first jury in the Rodney King case acquitted four white policemen of a beating seen by millions on television, people of color looted and burned in Los Angeles while whites hid behind gates and walls.

This time, whites and blacks gathered together in the public square to point fingers angrily in each other's faces. Others may call that evidence of a new and widening gap between the races, but I don't. I call it progress.

The writer is the author of the forthcoming "American Beach: A Saga of Race, Wealth and Justice." He contributed this comment to The



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poland and the Jews

Regarding "In Poland, Changes Will Stick and Communists Are Pale

Pink" (Opinion, Oct. 13):

I have great respect for Flora
Lewis's unparalleled knowledge of foreign countries and of the international scene. But what she writes about Polish anti-Semitism, the Pope and the Catholic bishops of Poland is not exact.

In today's Poland, only some insignificant and very small groups take an anti-Semitic stance. They are the lunatic fringe and have no part in the political life of the country. Yet she refers to the "traditional streak of anti-Semitism, so deeply imbedded." How could this statement be reconciled with the fact that in Jerusalem's Yad Vashem, the largest number of trees planted are devoted to Poles? These trees commemorate people who saved Jewish

lives during the Holocaust.

The Pope has done a lot to build bridges to the Jewish faith and to expose the scourge of anti-Semitism, also with regard to the past of the Roman Catholic Church itself. His systematic teachings on the subject are leading to a breakthrough. A papal visit to Israel is only a matter of time.

The Polish church has acted and continues to act against anti-Semitism. On Nov. 30, 1990, the Catholic bishops issued a pastoral letter on the subject. It was read in all the Catholic churches in Poland. On Jan. 27, 1995, the Polish Episcopate's Commission for the Dialogue With Judaism published a statement on the Holocaust and its aftermath. Another statement combatting anti-Semitism was issued on June 16, 1995. The secretary of the Episcopate, Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek, has often spoken

and written on these matters. KRZYSZTOF SKUBISZEWSKI.

The writer served as foreign minister of Poland from 1989 to 1993.

The Language Debate

Regarding "Dear Bob Dole: America Needs More Foreign Languages" (Opinion, Oct. 18) by Daniel Shanahan:

Americans no doubt need to learn second languages to get better jobs, see more clearly how the United States fits into the world and maybe help discourage bigotry and racism. But we must first ensure that all Americans can read, write and speak fluent English. This is not the case, and it would not help to allow children from Hispanic, Asian and other ethnic backgrounds to learn in their

native tongues.
Nonnative English speakers out-

side the United States are desperate to improve their English because they know how dramatic the benefits

can be on their lives and careers.

"The world is going English, Mr. Shanahan aptly points out. So why does he suggest in the same breath that we Americans should move away from it?

Americans need more unifying forces in their society. English as the national language is one of them.

JEFFREY D. PIERSON.

About a Cartoon

Regarding the cartoon that depicted a street vendor with the sign: Welcome block men! Be our millionth customer and win a free hot dog!" (Opinion, Oct. 17):

I am insulted. This is the image many of us encountered aboard the airlines as we returned [from the Million Man March] to our homes across the United States. I found this image of black men totally unacceptable. We gathered in Washington for atonement and reconciliation. I arrived at the Mall with thousands of other brothers at 2 A.M. on Monday and stayed in one spot until 5 P.M. without food and water and left only when my legs began to cramp from dehydration.

VAUGHN FILMORE Oakland, California.

'Voluntary Simplicity' Is a Complicated Trick

By Maureen Dowd

The more Jimmy Carter shed, from yacht to limo, the less he was respected. Bills about downsizing themselves need downsizing. The capital is more mover than Shaker. Spartan living is not really a hall-mark of my family, either. My sis-

MEANWHILE

ter's philosophy is that if you shop enough, anything you buy will even-tually much something you own. On the rare occasions when I have

tried to cut back on clutter, I have lived to regret it. I gave away my platform shoes and they came back. gave away all those '70s disco shirts with weird John Travolta collars and now they're back.

But I was struck by a recent New York Times article about the hot trend sweeping the country: Vol-untary Simplicity. These brave new downshifters are rejecting pushing and grabbing to search for a more

nourishing way of life.

Elaine St. James of Santa Barbara, California, described how she gave up her real estate job, threw away loads of stuff, moved to a smaller place, cropped her hair and now uses a rubber band around her money instead of a purse. Her closet contains one pair of black loafers, one pair of boots, two skirts, two pullovers, eight T-shirts and six turtlenecks. (Asceticism has its lim-its. She kept her BMW.)

Since I was moving, it seemed like a fine time to give Voluntary Sim-plicity a whirl. I wanted New Priorities, I wanted Different Trade-Offs. I wanted to Go Back to the Land. Well, no, but I definitely want-

ed to be more Thoreau, less DKNY. Feeling virtuous, I began my new relationship with the universe in my kitchen, which had boxes of cookbooks and recipes sent by my mother when she still hoped I would tran-scend take-out. When I moved out of her house, she equipped me for mod-em life with "How to Cook With Budweiser," featuring recipes for Beef Kidney with Budweiser" and Chocolate Beer Cake' and tips on pouring: "The best technique is to place the neck of the bottle or lip of the can over the edge of the wetted glass and then tilt the bottle or can by

quickly raising its bottom to a high

angle. This action causes the beer to

gurgle and agitate into the glass until

ASHINGTON — This is not a a fine-textured head is created. Allow sufficient space for the foam to low sufficient space for the foam to rise to the lip.

She also gave me "365 Ways to Cook Hamburger" and "250 Irish Recipes," including Collared Pig's Head. ("Remove the eye from the pig's cheek. Wash the cheek well in cold water, paying special attention to the nasal passages, eye cavity, and round the tongue and teeth, using a rounted knife where necessary.")

pointed knife where necessary." She sent me booklets: "Waist Trimmers" from the Florida Celery Exchange, "Confessions of a Kraut Lover" from Empire State Pickling, "50 Wonderful Ways to Use Cheese" from the American Dairy Association, "Exciting World of Rice Dishes" from Minute Rice and "33rd Annual Chicken Cooking Contest" from the National Broiler Council. al Broiler Council.

I dumped it all in the trash — including the cautionary articles she had clipped ("How to Cope With a Hotel Fire," "Staying Safe in Your Car," "How to Brush Off Gum Dispense". But the Libert feeling are ease"). But then I began feeling sentimental and retrieved the cookbooks. Cholesterol is due for a comeback.

Trying harder at voluntary sim-plification, I turned to my record collection. It was a time for tough choices. The original motion picture soundtracks of "Flashdance" and "Thunderball," and Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass had to go. I tossed some books on the pile:

'Learn to Play Tennis at Home,' "How to Write a Romance Novel and Get It Published." a Katy Keene paper-doll book. I agonized about "How to Catch and Hold a Man" but decided that catching and holding was not simple.

More detritus from my years of

involuntary complication: a dice clock from Las Vegas, a souvenir fish that says "I was in Reykjavik with Gorbachev and Reagan," crummy presents from old boyfriends (a harmonida from the Great Wall of China and a church of restrection. China and a chunk of meteorite oxide), my early attempts at poetry ("This is the end of my poem, Goodbye, I have to go home!"), old notebooks from Air Force One.

All this gone, and still no inner peace. Suddenly I realized that simple is empty. Clutter is beautiful. It is the stuff of memory, the evidence of an unexamined life that is worth living. I'll do without a BMW, but I want my dice clock back.

BOOKS

DAVID BRINKLEY: 11 Presidents, 4 Wars, 22 Political Conventions, 1

Moon Landing, 3 Assassinations, 2,000 Weeks of News and Other Years of Growing Up In North Carolina

By David Brinkley. 273 pages.

Reviewed by

Though ful a stab at it as anyone ever

In large measure this is be-

Xavier Girard, curator of

adult eye, Durrell's experimennarrative forms. The same events are seen and interpreted quite differently, by the various participating characters."

raiser by and for the rich."

feel about these gaudy shows, it cans discovered for the first It is in his account of television's cool, witty manner stood in retime that it was possible to struggle to find a style of re- freshing contrast to the bluster watch a political proceeding on porting suitable to its strengths and bloviation on the conventheir ears to cliched language most interesting. He is also good The New York Times, "then the and vanid commentary, on the medium's early coverage most respected, most feared of of political conventions, events all newspaper [television] crit-he regards with a mixture of ics and the only one read by was and forever will be an oxymoron, Brinkley then and in the affection and disdain, the latter network executives," took note years to come took as success- because they combine "the of this in "a newspaper column worst features of a cattle auction, that changed my life forevaclearance sale of damaged er."NBC responded by imme-



His partner, in New York, was Chet Huntley. Their program, "The Huntley-Brinkley Report," went on the air in October 1956, "and it was terrible." Its breaking-in was protracted and embarrassing. After watch a political proceeding on porting suitable to its strengths and bloviation on the conven- a decade, though, it was solidly television without subjecting and weaknesses that Brinkley is tion floor below. John Gould of established, "winning awards and audiences." Brinkley plays down its, and his, importance: "it seems to me now that Hunt-

Much about this book is unwhom we thought to be on the ments; otherwise it has the obligatory solemnity and implicit self-importance of a state mem-

Finally, the book ends on a duce wealth rather than consume

Here Brinkley sounds like no one so much as Ronald Reagan, whose legendary hatred of taxes was born when he took a look at what happened to his first big paycheck. Whatever the actual cause of it, Brinkley's splenetic outburst has all the signs of personal grievances disguised as economic philosophy; it brings a disappointing book to an unpleasant conclusion.

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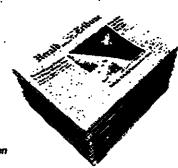
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Stuff on Television, and 18

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ventions of 1956, for "burst" is meaning, that most Americans scarcely appropriate to this reticent and laconic journalist. Say instead that in the summer of As radio gave way to telethat year, millions of Ameriand vapid commentary. Though 'literate television'

By Robert Byrne

THERE is room for every I kind of temperament in chess. One can play for prizes

or for aesthetic glory, for ex-

world's top players is the for-mer grandmaster Alexei Shirov.

In a game with Valeri Salov, he created attacking magic.

In the English Opening Variation with 2 ... Bb4, Black's

plan is to press for the exchange

of bishop for knight after 4 e3

Nf6 5 Ne7, Qe7. White gets the

bishop pair, Black a lead in de-

velopment. A B. Lalic-Shirov game in the Moskow Olympiad last year went 4 d4 d6 5 e4 Nf6

6 Ne7 Qe7 7 f3 ed 8 Qd4 Nc6 9

Qc3 O-O 10 Ne2 Nh5 11 g4

Qh4 12 Kd1 Nf6 with an un-

The alternative retreat, 3.

b4 c6 5 ba cd 6 cd Qa5 7e4 Nf6

clear position.

Of the current crop of the bishop with 17 Bd8 Rd8. Now

Ba5, has also been tried, but 4 Salov faced difficulties on his

cause Brinkley came to television not as a pretty face but as a writer. He left North Carolina during World War II with experience in newspaper writing and a bit of radio talking, but if his career objectives included a long star turn as an anchorman and talk show host, he gives no evidence of it in this memoir.

Rather, he was hired by NBC in Washington in 1943 and was put to work writing news programs to be read by an-nouncers;" it was only later Jonathan Yardley that he began to go on the air himself and to develop the dismerchandise and a sheriff's auc-I that David Brinkley burst up-on the scene at the political con-heavy emphasis on clarity of

As radio gave way to tele-vision, Brinkley rode the wave.

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Position after 29 de

weak light squares.

himself be diverted from the Kf2 Rd2 22 Kg1 Qe3 23 Qe3

consistent 13 Be2 to the am- Ne3 would let Black force ...

bitious 13 Bb5. Shirov coun- Rg2 mate) Ne3 22 Kc1, which

tered sharply with a pawn sacrifice, 13 ... Na5!? 14 Be5 Bd7! the open. After 22 ... b6 23 Qc7 15Bc3 Bb5 16 Ba5 and then swept in to attack with 16 ... Nf4, letting Salov capture rook for bishon with 17 Bd9 Nor

the Musée Matisse in Nice, is reading "The Alexandria Quartet" by Lawrence Durrell.

"I first read this when I was 14. Now I can analyse, with an tal technique; his wide range of

(Margaret Kemp, IHT)

tion of recovered goods, and above all a social event and fund-

with 25 ... Qc8!) Rc5 26 Nc3

Nd5, there was no defense. Thus 27 Kb2 Nc3 28 dc Qe2 29

Kb1 Qd3 30 Kb2 Qc3 forces 31

finishing touches on with 29 __ Qb3! 30 Rc2 (or 30 Rb2 Qc3 31

Kb1 Qd3 32 Ka2 Bd7 33 Rg1

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Qc2 Rc3. Salov gave up.

After 29 dc, Shirov put the

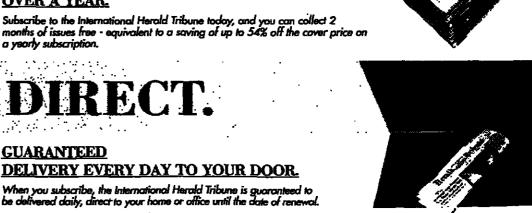
Kb1 Qc2 mate.

is beyond dispute that his career was made by them in 1956. His

diately elevating Brinkley to the Washington anchor's chair of its new evening news broadcast. But however Brinkley may

> ley's and my success lay mainly in the fact that we were new, as television was new, and we had few competitors.' becomingly immodest. The man outside looking in turns out to be an insider after all. Unlike his television journalism of the 1950s and 1960s, Brinkley's autobiography is tart only in mo-

truly jarring note. After proceed-ing for some 250 pages in a reminiscent and reflective man-ner, Brinkley suddenly launches into a tirade about the federal tax system, in particular about the blue-suit rimless-g-asses bureaucrats on the tax-writing committees" who wallow in "the pure sensual pleasure of taking still more money away from business people who make more than they do, and who pro-





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a strong bishop pair and center
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After starting with a restrained mobilization, Salov let

Ka2 Nh1 21 Rh1 Rd3!, threating 22 ... c4!, would have been powerful.

Shirov bored in with 19 ... 15 Beg 15 Beg 16 Beg 17 Beg 17 Beg 17 Beg 17 Beg 18 Beg



By Matthew Purdy New York Times Service

- In UN-speak they are heads of everyone there was an All-Ameristate, world leaders and all that. But can. really they are politicians, used to being fussed over as the premier pols in their home countries.

On the streets, they have received city's street carrying diplomats, a colthe treatment to which they are surely accustomed. But once inside the United Nations, it was just another president or king or prime minister. waiting for a five-minute appearance before the General Assembly.

are used to traveling with an en- boarding by, was "awesome." tourage and being the center of attention," said Joe Sills, the spokes- Park Avenue, more than a dozen Seman for Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali. "Here, they were greeted by a few people and then went a minute the two cars were surroundinto a room and left on their own to ed by more than 50 police officers. get a sweet roll and coffee until the

With scores of long cars on the lision of limousines was inevitable.

It happened just before 2 P.M., a block from the Waldorf-Astoria where 22 international delegations were staying. The response, in the words of 12-year-old Jeremy "We had a lot of heads of state who Creighton, who happened to be skate-

> Within seconds of the crash on cret Service agents sprinted from the hotel to the accident scene, and within

Not only was no one hurt, but it turned out that the limousines were It was a little bit awkward for some not carrying any diplomats and had

world leaders.

First Avenue in Manhattan was a parking lot of limousines and police cruisers. Most country leaders were driven by police officers and were guarded by at least one other officer and a federal agent.

One limousine driver, a struggling playwright, was talking to a reporter about driving the aides to the president of a "very, very small country" which he wouldn't identify, when his car phone rang. It was a security agent who had spotted him talking to the reporter and ordered him to stop. "It's all very secret," the driver said, reaching for the electric window button.

There were security breaches nonetheless. The Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, showed up at the picture-taking session for the assembled world leaders without his special credential to get him into the room. He Barbados.

of them. One of the Americans said it nothing to do with the UN event. But expressed concern that security was like being a high school All-, the response was an indication of the agents would keep him out. But one blaring from an accordion, 200 im-American football player and signing overwhelming security network that foreign minister reassured him, say-migrants from tiny San Marino threw UNITED NATIONS, New York with Notre Dame and realizing that has been put in place to protect the ing: "Mr. Arafat. I think people will recognize you."

> If they had binoculars, the reporters lining the balconies above the Winter Garden atrium at the World Financial Center on Saturday night would easily have been mistaken for bird watchers.

> Look, over there, behind the third paim," whispered one reporter to another, pointing to one of the towering trees on the atrium floor. "Isn't that

> The other reporter squinted, trying to identify the Israeli prime minister, but the figure in question kept fluttering in and out of view. Then the first reporter spotted another specimen. "That white-haired woman with the Barbara Bush bouffant. I think she's the governor-general of

In the Bronx, with polks music migrants from tiny San Marino threw a boisterous welcome for the leaders of their homeland.

"It is so important for us to show them where we have lived for 40 years, to show them what we have accomplished, to show them that we kept our heritage in our hearts," said Roberto Balsimelli, the owner of a machine shop who runs a San Mari-

nese community group. Sanji Altan, a statistician for a drug company in New Jersey who heads the Mongol-American Cultural Association, said the arrival of President Punsalmaagiyn Ochirbat of Mongolia had helped relieve his feelings of disconnection from his heritage in this country.

"I am so used to being different from everyone else," Mr. Altan said. 'There aren't very many of us here, but to have the president come here makes a connection with us.'

Deportees

Destined

For Syria

were left stranded on a ship.

newspaper Tishrin reported.

But 43 others, including 24

children, were left behind on

the Greek-owned car ferry

Countess M, which has been a home for 660 Palestinians from

PC's New Vista

Continued from Page 1

McGeady, vice president and

general manager of Intel's In-

knowledged, however, that no

one was certain how willingly

consumers would accept a shift

that moved them from their liv-

ing rooms, where they watch

television at an average dis-

to watching a smaller screen

ing; it's something we want to learn more about," said Ken

Bronfin, an NBC vice president

now computer usage is an in-

dividual experience, but we

don't know where the computer

Trials are under way in Port-

which will not manufacture the

hardware components of Inter-

cast, hoped that the circuitry,

worth \$50 to \$60, would be-

come a standard part of all per-

will be in five years."

"This is not the second com-

from a distance of 14 inches.

tance of 14 feet (4.2 meters), to

ternet Technology Lab.

"This is an important first

Libya since Oct. 13.

TV:

Leaders Take Up **UN Money Crisis**

Calls for Urgent Reforms
Could Aid U.S. Efforts

By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS. New York - Reflecting international economic uncertainties and preoccupied by the shadow of bankruptcy looming over the United Nations, world leaders speaking here Monday on the second day of a three-day celebration of the organization's 50th birthday could not avoid the subject of money.

The financial situation of the United Nations has added urgency to calls for reform and may make it easier for the United States and other industrial nations to force the closing of almost half a dozen United Nations agencies. This would be the most extensive restructuring and downsizing of the or-ganization in its half a century

of Britain used the toughest lan-

"Is the UN spread too wide?" he asked. "I believe it

LARNACA, Cyprus — A 10-day ordeal for hundreds of "Is too much time and energy spent on ritual verbal battles, brilliantly interpreted into of peacekeeping troops to the six languages and printed on the United Nations, both spoke Palestinians who were expelled from Libya drew to a close Monday as they headed for a world's highest paper mounnew life in Syria. But 43 others tain?" he later added, in a series of pointed questions. "Of A first group of about 270 course it is.

Officials traveling with Mr. workers and their families wound up their Mediterranean Major say that he has a number of UN agencies in mind for journey at dawn in the Syrian port of Latakia, the Damascus downsizing or elimination. The list coincides with one the Clin-A second ship, carrying 350 ton administration is working more Palestinians, left the from as it tries to negotiate with Congress over a reform plan. The United States is the largest southern Cypriot port of Larnaca the same day, en route to Latakia, port officials here debtor member of the UN.

Until the administration can make some concessions to Congress, money to pay more than \$1.2 billion in overdue American assessments will not be forthcoming. Monday, both Britain and France joined a host of other nations in deploring

In addition, U.S. officials say, a plan to rejoin Unesco, the

be overtaken by the new World

Trade Organization.

United Nations Educational. Scientific and Cultural Organization, from which the United States withdrew in 1984, has all but been ahandoned for the foreseeable future, and there are serious doubts about continued support for the Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Labor Organization.

The agencies and organizations have also been criticized by Senator Jesse Helms, Republican of North Carolina. who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. and other Republican leaders. The Clinton administration appears ready to sacrifice American membership or support for them if doing so will unlock Prime Minister John Major money, votes on treaties and the confirmation of diplomats. The guage heard so far in calling for administration and Congress a smaller, more efficient orga- are also at odds over the restructuring of the State Depart-

> On Monday, Mr. Major and President Jacques Chirae of France, each claiming to have contributed the largest number more concretely about reform-ing the United Nations than President Bill Clinton did in his speech to more than 140 world leaders on Sunday.

Mr. Chirac proposed the ap-; pointment of a new under secretary-general to oversee all development work and be the 'strong-arm executor' of coordination among various agencies.

Fears that development assistance may fall off played a part in the drafting of a strong set of speeches from African leaders -- delivered by chance on the same day.

Presidents Nelson Mandela of South Africa, Yoweri Museveni of Uganda and Brigadier General Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo of Equatorial American officials acknowl- Guinea were among those who edge that the agencies now un- asked that the world not turn der the most severe scrutiny are away from Africa, which is the UN Industrial Development falling economically and in hu-Organization, which the admin- man terms farther and farther istration believes no longer behind other developing reserves a useful purpose since gions, especially in Asia Sevstep to get television broadcast- there are other agencies doing eral African leaders raised the ers thinking about the richness the same job, and the UN Con- dormant specter of colonialism of the Internet," said Steven ference on Trade and Devel- to blame for continuing poverty

Chirac May Face A Housing Inquiry

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

PARIS - After his prime minister had to leave his city- deputy mayor then, in charge of owned housing or face prosecution for conflict of interest, President Jacques Chirac, who fect he set his own rent. was mayor of Paris for 18 years similar charge.

rency markets, already nervous and forced them to rule. about both men's plummeting French lawyer had formally asked prosecutors to rule on whether Mr. Chirac should have stayed on when a corpo-Left Bank apartment in 1989.

formed to keep the rent on the increased. then-mayor's apartment from cluding monthly maintenance Chirac's building, according charges. The apartment has a Mr. Divier's complaint. private garden and is on the Rue

have been saying since the sumsteal. But up to now the pres- ment. ident has not been paying the complaints much heed, and been unaware of the real estate

Prime Minister Alain Juppé

\$2,600-a-month apartment that he had been oc-

cupying since 1990. Mr. Juppé was Mr. Chirac's the city-owned housing stock. among other things, and in ef-

Prosecutors found that this and also rents from the city, was could make him vulnerable to confronted Monday with the conflict-of-interest charges, but possibility of prosecution on a they acted only after a taxpayers' group and opposition fig-Traders on international cur- ures made formal complaints

The lawyer who acted against popularity ratings in public-opinion polls, sold francs heav-vier, said he had brought a forily for a while on Monday. The mal complaint to the Paris prosselling followed news that a ecutor's office on Saturday on behalf of a taxpayer and opposition ecologist leader, Evelvn Ferreira.

The complaint requires the ration indirectly and partly con-trolled by the city took over his month on whether Mr. Chirac could be investigated for ex-The corporation, Mr. ercising illegal interference to Chirac's critics say, was keep his own rent from being

The city owns 39.6 percent of rising when the previous own-ers put the building up for sale. estate management corporation The corporation froze his lease that controls the shares of the in 1990 at \$2,440 a month, in- real estate trust that owns Mr.

Mr. Juppé moved out of his du Bac in one of Paris's most apartment over the weekend, according to neighbors - and Le Monde and a satirical into the rent-free living quarters weekly. Le Canard Enchaîné, of the prime minister's office in the Hôtel Matignon, a stone's mer that the place seemed like a throw from Mr. Chirac's apart-

Mr. Chirac's spokeswoman, Catherine Colonna, declined to saying that in any case he had comment on Monday's report, which followed some embar-President Liamine Zeroual of Algeria to cancel a scheduled meeting with Mr. Chirac this ed for 33 years. She was 77.

lion, will also be at risk.

There was speculation in Mi-

lan and Rome on Monday that

even if the vote goes against Mr.

Dini, President Oscar Luigi

Scalfaro might try to delay elec-

tions until January or February

and insist that the budget be ap-

proved before going to the

fails. Mr. Dini is expected to

elections, the scenario that had

been expected by most of the

Even if Mr. Dini survives.

public sector, including an am-

appear to have been largely de-

railed by Mr. Berlusconi's

If the no-confidence motion

Simone Gallimard Dies at 77

President Chirac addressing the United Nations on Monday. Mr. Chirac faces a

controversy in the form of a lawsuit filed against him involving an apartment he rents.

PARIS - Simone Gallimard, a giant in French publishing, died of cancer Monday rassment over the decision by in a hospital outside Paris, according to Mercure de France, the publishing house she head-

> She was the mother of Antoine Gallimard, the head of Editions Gallimard, the prestigious publishing house founded earlier this century by Mrs. Gallimard's father-in-law, Gas-

ton Gallimard. Mrs. Gallimard became inceeds in sinking the Dini gov-try to become prime minister ethient, the government's marriage to Claude Gallimard 1996 budget law, which aims to in 1939, and worked in the shadows for years.

In 1962, she was chosen to revive the flagging Mercure de France, the once-influential house that published the poet Guillaume Apollinaire in the early 1900s.

Mrs. Gallimard was involved in one of the nation's most bizarre publishing scandals the Ajar-Gary affair. In 1975. the prize-winning novelist Romain Gary earned a second Goncourt prize, under the pseudonym Emile Ajar, for "La Vie Devant Soi."

Italian political and business Mr. Gary presented the book worlds before Mr. Berlusconi's as the work of a nephew, Ajar. whom he described as too shy to give interviews. Mrs. Gallimard denied knowledge of the author's true identity. sweeping reform of the Italian bitious privatization program,

The book, which was translated into 23 languages and sold 1.3 million copies, was later adapted to the screen as "Madame Rosa," starring Simone Signoret as an aging pros-

Mrs. Gallimard was responsible for publishing the work of was followed by "The Penn-sylvania Polka" and "Strip Pierre Jean Jouve, Yves Bonnefoy and André du Bouchet and Henri Michaux.

Maxene Andrews, 79, One of Singing Trio

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Maxene Andrews, 79, "the one on the left" in the trio of sisters whose string of hit songs in the 1940s made them the dominant radio voice of the home front and an inspiration to American servicemen, died Saturday of a heart attack at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, Mas-

sachusetts. Miss Andrews had recently completed a four-week engagement playing herself in the re-"Swingtime Canteen" at the Blue Angel in New York. Miss Andrews was a teenager when she, her older sister, LaVerne, who died in 1967, and her younger sister. Patty, formed

thusiastic style became the vocal parallel of the big bands of the swing era. The Andrews Sisters became stars almost overnight in 1937. singing English lyrics to the Yiddish song "Bei Mir Bist du

Schon. That success started the sisters

Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy and "Apple Blossom Time." "The Beer Barrel Polka"

Their big hits during World War II were "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" and "Rum and Coca-Cola."

To a nation at war, the Andrews Sisters became a cherished American institution. and general manager of the NBC Data Network. "Right They could be heard on the radio, on jukeboxes and on movie soundtracks. They made numerous appearances at war bond rallies, and they entertained troops, who seemed to regard them as the epitome of American innocence.

iand, Oregon, and at several Although the public always hundred homes near Intel's labs saw the three sisters together, and at NBC. Intercast data is to singing in close harmony, their be initially available on a naprivate lives were studded with tionwide basis beginning in the first quarter of next year. Mr. McGeady said Intel,

Louise Comte, Star Of Comédie Française

PARIS - Louise Comte. 72, the trio whose close-voiced, enhonorary secretary at the Comédie Française and one of two years. France's most talented stage actresses, died Oct. 19, the Comédie Francaise said Monday.

Ms. Comte died in a hospital in Château-Thierry, in northern ECLIPSE: Superstitions on Asia's Darkest Day France. In 1943, she was graduated with the top honors from the Paris Conservatory and on a long series of novelty hits earned a coveted spot with the Monday that "myths being that included "Ti-Pi-Tin," Comédie Française, from propagated by astrologers that that included "Ti-Pi-Tin," Cornédie Française, from "Hold Tight," "The Jumping which she retired in 1969.

met Technology Lab. The systems developers ac- SUMMIT: Accord on Bosnia Continued from Page 1

opment, whose functions may and social stress.

manage the chain of com-mand," the Russian continued. in what Russian troops are ordered to do,"

their dens, where they are used The Russians are worried that their troops might find themselves in armed confrontation with Serbs — their allies and be unable to escape a fight if police action were required.

Some in Washington have proposed using the Russian and rebuilding bridges, a task its officers would regard as be-neath their dignity. The national security adviser, W. Anthony Lake, has even suggested sending Russian civilians to give the appearance of cooperation.

A puzzled Russian diplomat responded: "What would they do? Does he mean another civilian contact group? The whole point of this is that it is a military operation to keep the peace. That dom' in which there were phois why it is difficult to arrange." He added that Moscow would want the rules of engagement for sonal computers within the next its troops clearly understood and U.S. officials agreed. It was shift-

for military men to arrange among themselves.

Mr. Yeltsin, in his speech at the United Nations, insisted that 'He does not want any surprises the UN Security Council, where Russia holds a veto, play a role in controlling the force.

"There is a dangerous tendency to play down the role of the UN, to circumvent its charter and the collective will of the Security Council," he told the General Assembly. "Today, the world more than ever before needs not only equality and tol-Army only for clearing mines erance but the respect of identity of each state and the understanding of the peculiarity of its his-

A similar sensitivity was disclosed in a different way by the Chinese. After inspecting the venue for President Jiang Zemin's meeting with Mr. Clinton on Wednesday, on the neutral ground of the New York Public Library, they discovered an exhibition titled "What Price Freetographs of the demonstrations in Tiananmen Square six years ago. They asked that it be moved, and said it was essentially a problem ed to Lincoln Center.

DATWA: Ex-Bank Official Says Government Wanted to Conceal Loss

In New York, meanwhile, a major credit-rating agency downgraded its opinion of economic integration set out in Daiwa Bank on Monday, saying that the bank's \$1.1 billion bond trading scandal was compounding existing troubles from

ered the bank's long-term ratings to BBB from A-minus. That is just one category also saw the French franc and out now would be bad timing." Mr. Yamaji above speculative or "junk" grade but still

ey, comes at a time when the entire

Japan's banks hold hundreds of billions of dollars worth of loans that may never be

They were used to finance real estate speculation that created the country's "bubble economy" of the 1980s. Major Japanese banks, including Mitsubishi and Sakura Bank, have seen their

credit ratings lowered in the last two years because of the lending crisis. Bad loans could eventually total 60 trillion (\$601 billion) to 100 trillion yen, roughly the size of the Japanese government's annual budget, analysts say Osaka-based Daiwa, one of Japan's largest banks with \$313 billion in assets,

has said it can absorb the loss without hurting its I financial condition. But S&P took a harsher view, saying the loss represented "a major setback to the

loans from its books would be slowed because it first has to absorb the loss from the bond-trading scandal.

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propagated by astrologers that earthquakes, explosions and criminal activities are the effects of the solar eclipse are nothing more than superstitious gibberish."

In many of the Asian countries on which the shadow of the eclipse will fall, governments and educational authorities have been trying to explain to the superstitious that it is a natural event caused when the moon comes between Earth and sun.

But getting this message across, especially in rural areas where most Asians still live, has proven difficult.

"Superstition seems to rule nation," Phayom Kallayano, abbot of Suankaew Temple in Thailand, said. As he spoke, the buying of lucky objects to ward off evil omens from the eclipse was proceeding at a fever pitch.

"True Buddhists do not worship Rahu at all," the abbot move across Afghanistan, Paksaid. "Instead, they are taught

to discard such illusions. According to Hindu Brahmin legend, an eclipse takes place state of Sabah on the island of when the angry monster-god Borneo, and Indonesia. Rahu tries to swallow the sun, and the only way to prevent marine scientists and wildlife disaster is to scare Rahu away or placate him with offerings,

Over the centuries, Indian culture has permeated Southeast Asia, especially Burma, Thailand and Cambodia, although the huge majority of their populations today are Buddhist, while Indians are mainly Hindu or Muslim.

To ward off bad luck associated with Rahu's attempts to devour the sun, believers make offerings of black objects. Black is the color of Rahu, the God of Darkness, and his devotees in Thailand have been buying up a range of such objects, including black chickens, black liquor, black rice and black eggs.

The shadow of the eclipse will istan, India, Bangladesh, Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam. the Philippines, the Malaysian

More than 500 astronomers, experts are in Sabah at specially prepared observatories to see how the eclipse affects plants, birds, bats and other flora and fauna.

One of the most spectacular vantage points will be the 12thcentury temple at Angkor in Cambodia, where the darkness will last almost two minutes.

Authorities there have warned soldiers guarding against attacks by Khmer Rouge guerrillas, bandits and temple robbers not to fire their weapons at the moon to try to prevent the God of Darkness from devouring it.

They are worried about scaring off the tourists.

desirable quarters.

maneuvers. This weekend, though,

was forced under public pressure to move out of a nearby week at the United Nations.

ITALY: Government Under Siege

Continued from Page 1 allies and the Marxist left suc-

while on trial for corruption. Mr. Berlusconi made his reduce the deficit by \$20 bilmove against the Dini government last week immediately after the Senate voted to impeach Justice Minister Filippo Mancuso, who was accused of conducting a vendetta against the same anti-corruption prosecutors who investigated and in-

Mr. Mancuso, whose attacks polls. on the Milan magistrates were applauded by Mr. Berlusconi. also presented a legal challenge continue in office until March to his ouster. The constitutional court in Rome is expected to rule Tuesday on whether the challenge can be considered. Aides to Mr. Dini, a former attack. central banker who has headed a government of technocrats however, his efforts to achieve

since last January, warned

Monday that the crisis could

have disastrous implications

dicted Mr. Berlusconi.

for the lira and for the Italian есопоту. The Italian currency has lost move. 2.5 percent of its value against the Deutsche mark since Wednesday, and the Milan bourse's main index dropped by 2 percent Monday because of the political uncertainty. The lira's weakness was part of a broader trend in Europe, which

dollar down as well (Page 14). Most analysts and foreign inform the country's pension system and curb public spending in dal. order to, at least, point Italy in the direction of the targets for the European Union's Maas-

If the improbable alliance of bad loans left over from the 1980s. Mr. Berlusconi, his neo-Fascist

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the British pound falling said he understood the comment to be a several category notches away. against the mark, pulling the reference to the recent failure of the Tokyobased Cosmo Credit Union, which had raised concerns about the stability of the vestors have praised Mr. Dini's Japanese banking system, and to be an efforts in recent months to re- indication that Mr. Nishimura wanted Daiwa to delay public revelation of the scan-

Standard & Poor's Ratings Group low-

more expensive for Daiwa to borrow mon-Japanese banking industry already is paying higher interest rates as a result of shaky

It said Daiwa's attempt to discard bad

(LAT, Bloomberg, AP)



By Suzy Menkes ntional Herald Tribune

ONDON - What? No theatrics on the runway, give or take a cleaver wielded by a crazed suburban mom?

No sex? Unless you count breasts seen through diaphanous dresses.

Only those Greenpeace antinuclear T-shirts as political

talgia for the past in a country devoted to poke bonnets and Philip Treacy did not capture muslin dresses of Jane Austen her former ebullience. as soap opera. The London fashion season was almost more sig-figure of the late Jean Muir was nificant for what it did not show missing when her design team than what was on the runway for showed a capsule collection of the spring/summer season.

erate an image of the future.

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dress by Hussein Chalayan. In-stead of the roses of the English of the staff and of international country cottage idyll, the flowers were created from abstract continue.

given a new face — laminated echo in the work of Nicholas with car paint or sliced into abstract body-patterns by Alexander McQueen—the innovative silk jersey tops, seamed to designer who can be credited shape the bosom, fresh cotton with launching in previous col-lections a worldwide fascination with lace and with low- stand away from the body. The trends." slung hipster pants, although countre effects with a young until now his business position silhouette had a cute freshness. until now his business position

ufacturer M.A. Commerciale clean-and-tidy freshness, laced and claims that he is tarning his with decoration. That means a raw, sexual fashion energy to a brief piqué suit patterned with bosom or a photoprint of a tiger leaping across the thighs of a

rock 'n' roll antics had dominated British fashion in the have imbibed the blandness of blood-stained meat- Italy's big-bucks industry. Her show was just a commercial take on trends (safari jackets. dresses, sleek tailoring in iridescent fabrics or graphic black

LONDON FASHION

quined finale with feathered

he spring/summer season. slithering tunics over skinny Like a blank computer screen, pants, tidy tailoring and cashdesigners — often recent college graduates — had wiped out colors, chosen by Muir before the memory and on plain, sim-ple, modern clothes tried to gen-erate an image of the future. her death in May, were echoed in tumbling floral arrangements in the white showroom, through Costume was traded for tech- which the models circulated, nology, with all the energy and excitement concentrated in fabric. The change is summed up by ert, said that his first instinct the skinny stretch flower-strewn had been to close the business.

blocks as a computer print.

Even Old World lace was the craft of fashion finds an blouses in shirting stripes, or flowers, and tunics, sculpted to ors that fit perfectly with the

has been "gruesome." Bella Freud's designs, al-McQueen has now signed a though they do not seem to Bella Freud's designs, alcontract with the Italian man-evolve, also have a youthful, edges and cute dresses in gingham checks.

Hamnett, whose sex/frocks/ Farhi offers women what they want and need: sleek, simple well-proportioned sportswear, 1980s. Hamnett had moved her its surface gleaming in irrides-shows to Milan and seems to cent fabric, broken up with graphic stripes and checks or embellished with embroidery at night. Farhi's color palette was also right on, with orange, lime and turquoise accenting black and white.

The switchover from separates to The Dress is the story from sportswear designers. protest? And no fashion nos- and white). Even the flashy se- Betty Jackson made a happy fashion marriage with her polo

glazed linen. But nylon zipper jackets and sheer sweaters started as a knitwear designer, showed just a sprinkling of lacey sweaters in pastel and the-1960s tailoring with zippers all over.

If London's moway shows seemed low-key, there was a buzz of energy and excitement at the trade exhibition held alongside the live presentafashion director of Saks Fifth Avenue, praised inventive English accessories, which she said the store would promote in buyers had encouraged him to the United States next season.

"I find this part of the trip the most inspirational. I can't understand any retailer going to Milan and Paris and not London," she said. "I feel here a complete mix of fashion and culture with eccentricity, as well as textures, fabrics and col-

Fischelis praised the tactile cut-velvets of English Ecentrics and Georgina Von Erzdorf, the cute or kitsch purses of Lulu Guinness and Anya Hind-march; and the imaginative millinery of Stephen Jones. Zandra Rhodes, the founder

raw, sexual rasmon energy is cherries, knits with frilled of the English textile tradition, bosom or a photoprint of a tiger edges and cute dresses in ging-presents her Magical Rhodes. Show and a new book at a semslender dress.

The force of women designslender dress.

The season opened with the prodigal's return: Katharine Tashion its reality check. Nicole Tashion and Imen

mixes from Justin Oh (who formerly worked with Yohji Yamarnoto); and the sunset-colored nylon layers from Lo and Cabon, protégés of Issey Miyake, who visited their

Most of the designers are graduates of the British fashion colleges — some supported by the retail giant Marks & Spencer, whose design director Brian Godbold said that he felt that it was important to help these fledgling designers "keep the momentum going.

with a swingy trapeze shape in harlequin-checked skirts gave a spark to the show of the design duo Clements Ribeiro; Antholooked like makeovers of curny Berardi (a former asistant of rent trends. Edina Ronay, who John Galliano) offered evening wear with complex cutting; Abe Hamilton majored on lace; lacey sweaters in pastel and Sonnentag Mulligan played black, and a surfeit of back-to- asymmetricks with sliced-away shoulders and hems.

ANY twentysomething designers are not ripe enough to take to the runway, and Clinton Silver, chairman of tions. Nicole Fischelis, the the British Fashion Council said: "I worry about the ex- moms in a take on the conpectations of new graduates."

Post-recession London, with its new stores, buzzy restaurants and streets teeming with wood (who else?) staged a gutyoung folk making iconoclastic sy promotion for his lingerie fashion statements, are part of store, where models in scantie

Red or Dead caught that irreverent energy in its funky show, with its aggressive urban tribes in gunmetal gray synthet-

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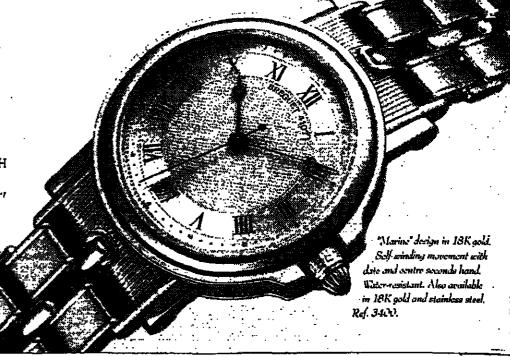
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Joining the Merger Bandwagon BankAmerica and NationsBank Discuss Deal

Los Angeles Times Service

LOS ANGELES - BankAmerica Corp. has held talks recently with Na-tionsBank Corp. of North Carolina about a possible merger that would create the largest U.S. bank, according to banking

But BankAmerica sources also cautioned that there was no guarantee that a deal would be consummated, adding that BankAmerica has come very close before on other major deals that eventually fell apart. They added that discussions among major banks about possible combinations have become fairly common.

Last week, San Francisco-based Wells Fargo & Co. launched a \$10.9 billion hostile bid for rival First Interstate Bancorp of Los Angeles. Earlier this year, BankAmerica came close to striking a deal with Chase Manhattan Corp., but those talks fell apart over successionrelated issues. Chase has since agreed to merge with Chemical Banking Corp. in an \$11 billion deal.

On Sunday, a high-level BankAmerica source confirmed that the bank had talked with NationsBank this summer about a possible merger, with one stumbling block being the location of the head-

quarters for a merged bank. If the two banks were to combine, they would form an institution with more than \$400 billion in assets. A BankAmerica spokesman refused to comment on NationsBank. Executives of arionsBank could not be reached.

Floyd Norris of The New York Times reported from New York:

If you have an overvalued currency, buy something quick. If you wait too long, your currency may not be worth as much. That, as much as anything else, may help explain a rare move: a hostile bank

takeover bid. Wells Fargo wants to pay about three times book value to buy First Interstate. But the offer is not in cash; it is in Wells Fargo stock, which itself trades at more

than three times book value. Wells Fargo's stock is so valuable because it is a Wall Street favorite. The bank goes for high-rate, high-risk borrowers. That strategy brings relatively high loan losses, but so far they have been more than offset by the income from those who do pay. Wells is, perhaps, more vulnerable

than most Banks to a severe recession. If First Interstate decides to fight, it could get interesting. Its shareholders are being asked to take Wells Fargo stock, so it would be fair for First Interstate to ask whether Wells Fargo is really worth such a premium to book value.

It was only a few years ago that vir-tually no big bank sold for more than book value, as everyone worned about ioan quality.

Then the Federal Reserve Board rode to the rescue, slashing short-term interest rates while longer-term rates remained significantly higher. Suddenly, banks could make good money by taking in deposits and buying two-year or three-year Trea-

Alas, those days are gone. Now a three-year Treasury yields almost exactly the same as the 5.75 percent federal funds rate, at which banks can borrow money. A banker who wants to make money has to

Despite that, Wall Street is optimistic that the profit surge of recent years will continue. Banks are cutting costs and consolidating, freeing capital to be paid to shareholders through dividends and share buybacks.

Francis X. Suozzo, an analyst with S.G. Warburg, is not as optimistic. He recently recommended that investors sell Wells Fargo stock. "We're in the back end of an economic cycle, margin pressures are intense and credit quality is deteriorating, he said. In other words, he thinks that the carrency Wells Fargo is using, its stock, is overvalued. They won't admit it, but Wells Fargo's bosses just might agree.

Daimler Slashes Aircraft Unit's **Jobs and Plants**

By Nathaniel C. Nash New York Times Service

FRANKFURT --- Announcing one of the biggest layoff seas. programs of any German manufacturer this year, the giant serospace unit of Germany's Daimler-Benz AG said Monday that it would cut almost 9,000 jobs out of its work force by 1998, closing or selling off Eurofighter consortium.
up to five plants in Eastern and Daimler said it was restrucup to five plants in Eastern and Western Germany.

the starkest examples to date of of 1.35, the company would German industry's struggle to still be profitable. This was seen remain competitive in the face as a grun sign by analysts who of soaring labor costs and a are noting that more and more rising Deutsche mark that drives up the price of its ex- accepting that the dollar will ports, reducing German international competitiveness.

Daimler-Benz Aerospace AG was particularly hard hit because on top of competing in an industry almost totally priced in dollars, it has also faced a worldwide recession in because of major cutbacks in government military programs after the fall of Communism.

This is the only way in which this industry can operate efficiently in the private sector in Germany," said Manfred Bischoff, chief executive of " said Manfred Daimler-Benz Aerospace.

[A strike at Daimler-Benz Aerospace cannot be ruled out, said Heinz Hawreliuk, an IG Metall official representing the division's workers council, according to a dispatch from Munich by AFP-Extel News.

[He said the union would 'use all possible measures allowed it by law" in order to convince management to

change its planned job cuts.] Over the past year, Germany has seen a flight of industrial jobs from its borders as manufacturers have sought lowercost regions to place new man-

ufacturing plans. Anothe Daimler-Benz unit, Mercedes Benz AG, has announced a se ries of new plant openings over

aerospace concern, with a 37. percent stake in Airbus indus tries, a 51 percent holding in the Dutch airline maker Fokker, and a one-third owner of the

/estern Germany. turing its operations so that uncompanies are now resigned to not move much higher than its current levels for some time The dollar traded at 1.3865 DM late Monday.

The job losses mean that by 1998, Daimler Aerospace will effectively cut its work force by more than half, to aroun 40,000, from more than 90,000 in the early 1990s. But the cuts fell far short of analysts' expectations and raised concerns that the German government might be forced to subsidize jobs in the future.

The company had let it be known earlier in the year that it was considering eliminating as many as 15,000 jobs. The company currently has almos 57,000 employees

I f you compare Daimler ' some of its competitors, such a British Aerospace, one migh have thought that the number of people to be cut would be much higher than 15,000," said Stephen Reitman, European autos analyst for UBS Global Re search in London.

The company's aircraferoup will be hardest hit, losing 8,046 jobs. An additional 806 jobs will be lost at other dis visions of the company.

Gemina and Ferruzzi Scrap Troubled Merger

MILAN — Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA and Gemina SpA said Monday that they had called off their proposed merger because of "difficult stock-market condi-

Ferruzzi said it would ask shareholders to buy 1.05 trillion lire (\$624 million) of new shares to make up for fresh funds that would have entered the company as a result

Ferruzzi's proposed merger with Gemina and parts of Fiat SpA had been dubbed Super Gemina since it would have created Italy's second-largest private-sector company, with 38 trillion lire in annual revenue derived from a range of businesses in-cluding sugar, chemicals, insurance, pub-lishing and textiles. It also would have

reduced Ferruzzi's 2 trillion-lira net debt. The merger ran into trouble soon after it was announced in early September, when Gemina discovered unexpected losses at its publishing units. Italian judges are invesigating if the company's management was guilty of falsifying balance sheets

The merger was also criticized for ignoring the rights of minority shareholders and for increasing the formidable clout of Mediobanca SpA, the banking house, and Fiat SpA. The two powerful companies would have controlled the new Gernina.

Gemina, now an arm of Fiat, cited market conditions for calling off the deal. Italy's stock market has fallen almost 6 percent in the past three trading days, due partly to concern that Prime Minister Lamberto Dini could be voted out of office later

this week. Ferruzzi said it needed to ask its shareholders for fresh funds because the merger would not be taking place. It also said that a difficult real estate market meant that its program of selling assets was behind schedule. It said it wanted to sell 1.5 trillion lire of real estate between 1993 and 1997 but had sold just 120 billion lire so

Ferruzzi said it would ask shareholders to buy one share at 1,000 lire each for every two shares already held. It said it also planned to hand out a warrant with each new share, giving the right to buy one additional share at 1,000 lire for every 10 warrants held at any time until the end of 1998. Ferruzzi is largely controlled by its greditor banks, which rescued it after it nearly went bankrupt in 1993.

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France: There's No Cause for Alarm

By Reginald Dale

ASHINGTON French love to paint alarmist pictures of themselves. According to one widespread belief in Paris, France has spent the past quarter century in a permanent economic crisis that it is culturally incapable of

confronting.
As Ezra N. Suleiman of Princeton University writes in a new book, France seems to be always teetering on the edge of the precipice — a social explosion forever looming on the horizon. It is true that when angry French farm-

ers converge on Paris, the country's political leaders tend to feel the swish of the guillotine at the backs of their necks. Such insecurity is of more than just psychological importance. The fear of violent upheaval, rooted deep in French history, has too often caused governments to flinch from unpopular but nec-

The fears are wildly exaggerated. Mr. Suleiman's book, the "Hidden Strengths of French Success," does a good job of putting them in historical perspective. Although the alarmist thesis is routinely trotted out by French politicians and intellectuals, it ignores the huge economic and social changes that have transformed

essary decisions. It is doing so again

century, to a 21st-century society. It has is no longer unique," dramatically modernized its agriculture, its industry and its cities, become the world's fourth-largest economy and built including banking and finance, have been stable political institutions for the first privatized, price-and-wage controls have time since the 1789 revolution.

Of course, this does not mean that all is well. The conservative government led by Prime Minister Alain Juppé is fighting

French leaders might show more guts in tackling the country's problems if they could finally banish the shadow of the guillotine from the back of their heads.

a losing battle to reduce crippling un-employment, slash the budget deficit and maintain the value of the franc, all at the

But France's problems are not due to contrary, they have arisen because the pace of change has been so fast.

Under pressure from growing international competition and the spread of

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writes. Government has retreated on a wide front. Key sectors of the economy, been dropped and labor market restrictions eased.

The whole atmosphere is less ideological. Strikes and demonstrations no longer aim to overthrow the established order but to achieve specific, often defensive, economic objectives.

The problem is how to keep up the pace of change. If France wants to continue competing in the world economy - and stay abreast of its European partners as they move to monetary union - it will have to trim the vast edifice of social

protection erected since the war's end. But there are strong forces resisting such a move — and plenty of people who still instinctively believe that the government should solve all the nation's problems. Of course, as government retreats, that becomes even less realistic.

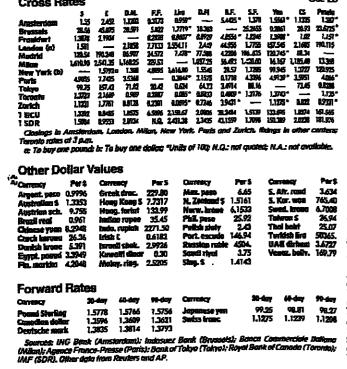
But Mr. Juppé and President Jacques Chirac are still pretending that it can. They are trying to appeal to both the advocates and the opponents of change, to people who want less government and its inability to change, as so many French to people who want less government and people think, Mr. Suleiman says. On the to those who want more. They do not want to offend anyone for fear of damaging "social cohesion."

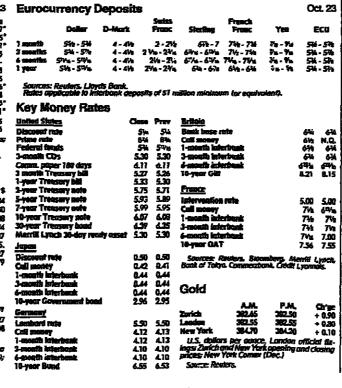
That is why it is so important to lay the alarmist thesis to rest. French leaders the country since World War II.

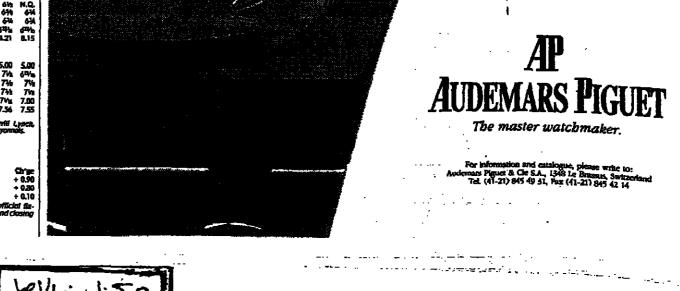
In less than 50 years, Mr. Suleiman writes, France has passed from a heavily rural economy, not far out of the 19th

free-market values, France has opened itself up to the world and become much country's problems if they could finally banish the shadow of the guillotine from the back of their heads.

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Nynex Earnings Soar 14 Percent

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) - Nynex Corp. said Monday that its third-quarter earnings rose 14 percent as the company increased graffic over its local phone network and kept costs in check,

nThe New York-based company said profit from operations rose to \$366.8 million, or 86 cents a share, from \$323 million, or 77 cents, -a year ago. The quarter was highlighted by a 5 percent increase in revenue to \$3.29 billion, paced by strong revenue growth in its clocal phone operations, the company said. Meanwhile, operating expenses fell to \$2.60 billion from \$2.75 billion, and the company posted a 2.2 percentage point rise in operating margin. They had to have some serious cost control in order to show that

margin improvement," said William Vogel, an analyst at Natwest

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LOS ANGELES - "Get Shorty" dominated the U.S. box office again over the weekend, with a gross of \$13 million. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on Friday's ticket sales and

1. Get Shorty	(United Artists)	\$73 million
2. Now and Then	(New Line Cinema)	\$7.7 million
3. Seven	(New Line Cinema)	\$7.6 million
4. Assessins	(Warner Bros.)	\$3.5 million
5. Never Talk to Strangers	(TriStor)	SSLT mation
6. How to Make an American Quitt	(Universal)	\$2.9 million
7. Dead Presidents	(Hollywood Pictures)	SZ-4 million
8. To Die For	(Catumbia)	\$2.1 million
9. Jode	(Pararaount)	\$2.05 million
10. The Scorlet Letter	(Hollywood Pictures)	S2 million

Blockbuster Eyes Overseas Markets Big Board Slumps

By Geraldine Fabrikant New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- McDonald's, Ralph Lauren and MTV are already international brands. Now Blockbuster Entertainment Corp., the biggest video retail chain, is growing globally, hoping to make the American couch potato a worldwide phenomenon.

"We plan to have 4,000 stores outside the U.S. by the year 2000," said Steven R. Berrard, the chairman of Blockbuster. We now have about 1,400 stores abroad.

Blockbuster's foreign business accounts Mr. Berrard said he expected the percentage to double by the end of the decade.

In fact, Blockbuster, which was acquired last year by Viacom Inc., has little choice but to look abroad. Certainly the muchpromoted interactive superhighway has not shredded the market for video rentals as many media seers had forecast it would.

But samration of the American market is a concern: 86 percent of the nation's 100 neighborhoods. Blockbuster already has slowly than those in the United States, 3,200 domestic stores, which account for roughly 22 percent of the American market tunity for videocassettes. for video rentals, making it far and away the largest company in the industry.

"The overall growth of the domestic home-video-rental market has slowed and should continue to slow over the next several years because of the mature VCR market and a reasonably saturated level of rental locations," said Richard Simon, an analyst at Goldman, Sachs & Co. In the United States, "individual companies"

"As a result," Mr. Simon added, "we would expect 2 to 3 percent same-store sales growth for the better-run companies. This places increasing importance on the foreign markets." Same-store sales, considered to be the most reliable measurement of growth, are those at stores that have been open at

Blockbuster's strategy is similar to that of many American entertainment companies, which have seen domestic growth slow and are now forced to look abroad for the best opportunities.

One reflection of the concern about the for 15 percent of the company's revenue, but domestic video-rental market: In the second quarter of 1995, Viacom got 20 percent of its \$2.8 billion in sales, and 30 percent of its \$628 million in cash flow, from its video stores. When two far smaller video-rental chains, the Hollywood Entertainment Corp. and Movie Gallery Inc., reported disappointing earnings in late September, their stocks took a beating, dragging Viacom's shares down with them.

By opening new stores around the world, million households with televisions have Blockbuster can thus minimize the impact videocassette recorders, and, Mr. Berrard of a stagnant domestic market. Moreover, said, there is now a Blockbuster store with- the interactive superhighway is likely to in a 10-minute drive of most American reach foreign living rooms even more neighborhoods. Blockbuster already has slowly than those in the United States.

> and abroad, the initial payoff is impressive. even if the long-term prospects are ques-tionable. It costs roughly \$500,000 to lease and stock a new video store, which can recover its investment in about 18 months.

For a new video store in the United States

Blockbuster's biggest foreign commitment is in Britain, where the company already has 686 stores, primarily through the purchase of the Ritz chain, which it growth will primarily depend on gaining bought in 1992 for \$135 million. Mr. and the introduction of new products.

Berrard said the company planned to open 50 to 75 more outlets there this year.

But in non-English-speaking countries, the company has to go far more slowly, and often with partners. In Italy, for example, the company recently opened five stores in a joint venture with Standa S.p.A., the retailing arm of Silvio Berlusconi's Fininvest holding company.

Ultimately the company may go it alone. Viacom took its MTV network very successfully into the overseas market in the mid-1980s. John Tinker, who follows Viacom for Furman Selz & Co., noted that the mes with British Telecom and Robert in the economy-sensitive in the economy-sensitive Maxwell as partners, but that Sumner M. Redstone, the chairman of Viacom, was prescient in business that Telecom and Robert in the economy-sensitive area, 's said Philip Tasho, a money manager at Shawmut in prospect for higher rates darkprescient in buying them out. That gave Viacom complete ownership of a cable service that proved a boon to the company.

Even as Viacom bets on its future overseas, it must grapple with issues at home. When the company completed the pur-chase of Paramount Communications in 1994, it wrote down the value of the Blockbuster inventory of videotapes by about \$300 million. That one-time charge helped lift Blockbuster's operating results by cutting expenses, improving profit margins to 27 percent in the first half of 1995, compared with 22 percent for the comparable period last year.

But it remains to be seen how Blockbuster's strategy of writing off video costs faster will affect profit margins over the long term. Mr. Berrard argued that the opening of new stores and cost controls could keep the improved performance going.

But several analysts expect the margins to drop back to about 22 percent in the fourth quarter. And while that is a healthy figure, maintaining it will depend on new film hits

On Rate Pessimism

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks tions, while about 32 percent fell for a second day as have disappointed. stronger-than-expected earnings from Mobil, Exxon and

peaked.

that have reported good earnings haven't reacted, especially seems to be concern that higher prices aren't out there." he

Stocks of some companies

said, referring to energy.

The Dow Jones industrial average slumped 39.38 points, to 4,755.48, hurt mostly by declines for companies whose

U.S. Stocks

As the third-quarter earnings cent of their earnings." season draws to a close, investors are growing concerned that interest rates will not move lower this year, analysts said.

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan suggested in remarks Thursday that the central bank might not cut lending rates again this year. Many money managers hoped that a rate cut would boost future corporate profits and spur

economic growth. The market will be unable to sustain itself without another cut," said Jack Baker, head of stock trading at Furman Selz.

"From a more mundane perspective frankly we're in a trading range and hit the top end 10 days ago," said Phil Orlando, an equity portfolio manager at First Capital Advisers. "Absent any good news on the rates front, we'll stay there as investors lock in profits"."

The third-quarter earnings season ends this week. While profit results were not the disaster some investors expected, many analysts have started lowexpecting slowing economic growth to have a bigger impact on earnings down the road. Out of the 292 companies in the S&P 500 that have reported earnings, 57 percent have exceeded Wall Street's expecta-

Exxon, after reporting thirdquarter profit rose 30 percent, in Shell Oil failed to offset con- line with analysts' expectacern that prices of oil and other tions, saw its stock drop 3/4 to commodities may have 75, Mobil's shares fell 1/4 to 101 1/2, after the company posted a 41 percent increase in third-quarter earnings.

Shares in retailers fell. Sears vestment Advisers. 'There ened hopes that the Christmas buying season will boost the group's earnings. Kmart shares were also hurt after Moody's Investors Service cut its rating on the retailer's debt.

'Christmas is the make-orbreak time for the year," said earnings are tied to swings in economic activity.

John Rogers, chief investment officer at Ariel Capital Management in Chicago, which manages \$1.6 billion, "For some companies that's 100 per-

The technology-laden Nas-dag Composite Index closed at 1.036, down 2.61 points, after falling as much as 8.26 to 1031.27.

IBM surged 3 5/8 to 99. Hewlett-Packard climbed 3/8 to 26 7/8 and Digital Equipment rose 3/4 to 52 1/2.

Even Intel rebounded to 67 1/ 2, up 3/8, after falling earlier by more than a point after its rival Advanced Micro Devices said it would buy the chipmaker Nexgen. AMD shares jumped 1 3/8 to 27 1/2 and Nexgen shares

rose 1/2 to 21 3/4. The long-distance telephone company MCI slipped 5/8 to 35, after it said a biggest-ever increase in long-distance call-ing helped earnings increase 25 percent.

Even speculation that NationsBank and BankAmerica were in merger talks to create the country's largest bank failed to lift most stocks, though NationsBank shares climbed 3/ 4 to 70 3/4 while BankAmerica stocks rose 1 1/8 to 63 3/4.

Yields on benchmark 30year Treasury bonds rose as high as 6.39 percent from 6.36 percent Friday as the dollar sank. Weakness in the dollar also weighed on bond prices.

(Bloomherg, Reuters)

Dollar Slips as Buyers Run to the Mark

NEW YORK - The dollar man at Chemical Bank "This fell Monday as persistent eco- is strictly a European phenomic and political turmoil in nomenon, with the dollar being litaly and France drove in- a fallout." vestors toward the perceived safety of the Deutsche mark.

In Paris, the mark rose to 3.5368 French francs from 3.5164, while in Milan, it rose to 1.160.25 lire from 1.135.65 lire. 99.945 yen from 100.325. When the mark appreciates

lar too, as speculators seek all opportunities to buy marks. The market is completely dominated by the mark and the

against European currencies, it

generally gains against the dol-

Gruber, senior currency sales- ernment. The Communist Party with the rightist coalition.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

The dollar fell to 1.3880 DM

Foreign Exchange from 1.3975. It dropped to

Investors sold Italian assets and the lira amid concern that Prime Minister Lamberto Dini could be voted out of office. Rightist politicians in the lower

on Monday said it would vote Discussions begin Tuesday

and a vote is likely Thursday. A no-confidence vote would doom Mr. Dini's budget, which already had been criticized as being too soft on the government deficit

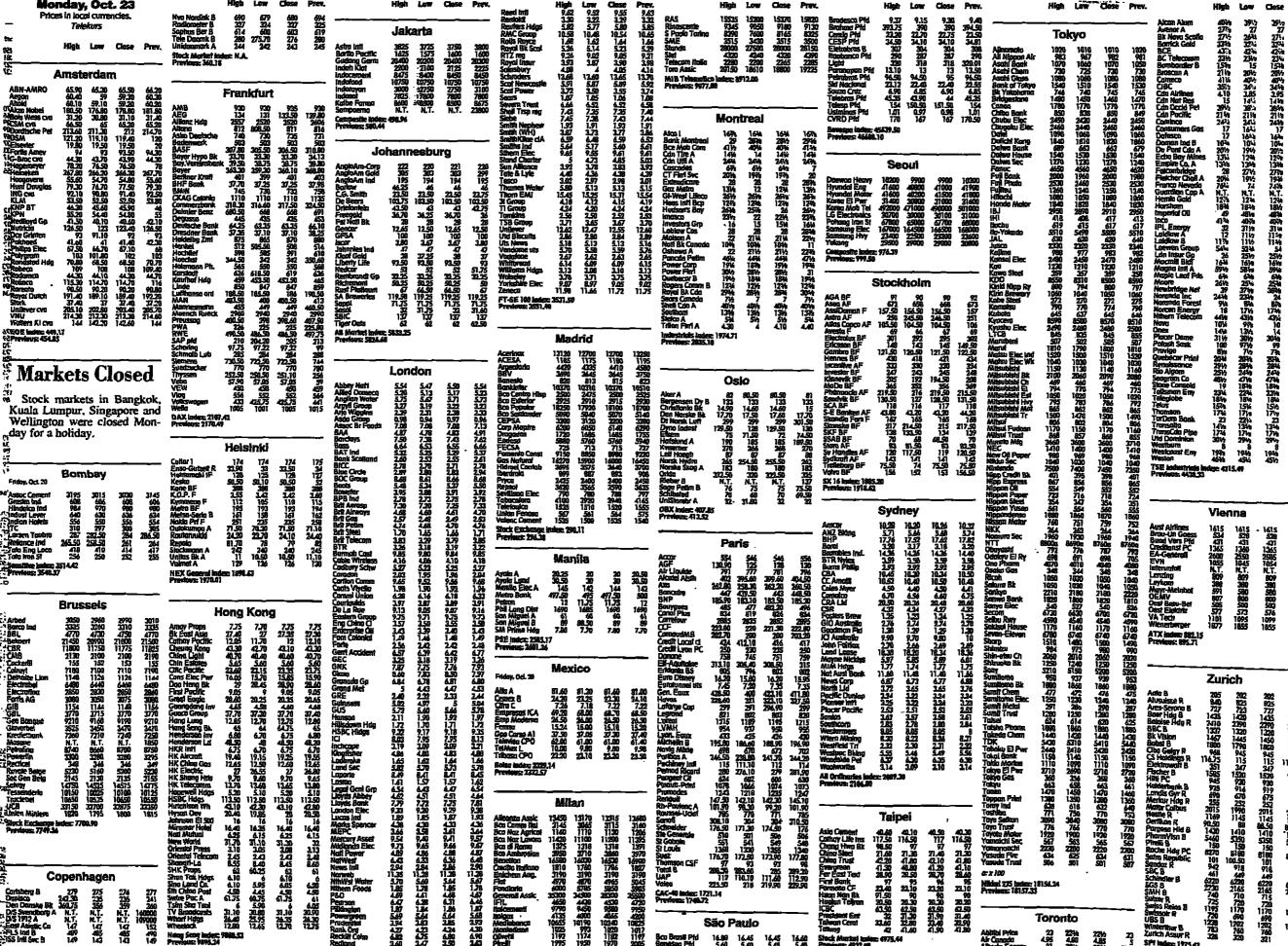
The franc was hurt by the Bank of France's decision not to raise its key intervention rate, traders said. The franc continues to suffer from France's large budget deficit, high unemployhouse of the Italian parliament ment and political scandals. have called for a no-confidence Prime Minister Alain Juppé has mark's strength," said Bob vote against Mr. Dini's gov- been under fire over a housing

scandal, and allegations surfaced on Monday that President Jacques Chirac inappropriately obtained an apartment owned by the city of Paris.

The dollar fell to 4.8895 French francs from 4.9140 francs, and to 1.1285 Swiss francs from 1.1410. The pound rose to \$1.5792 from \$1.5735.

The Canadian dollar fell as opinion polls showed that Quebec voters narrowly approve of ering their estimates for 1996, secession for their province. A referendum on the issue is scheduled to be held Monday, Oct. 30. The U.S. dollar rose to 1.3723 Canadian dollars from (Bloomberg, AP)

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Pechiney Gets Slapped on Wrist For Masking Loss

state-owned aluminum compa- mission des Operations de ny that is being groomed for Bourse, or COB, for not reportsale to the public, has been reprimanded because its first-half million francs on the sale of two result excluded a one-time of its packaging units: Boitage charge that would have kept it Metal and Boisson Verre. in the red.

million French francs (\$133.1 to Pechiney's masking of its million) in the first half, revers- loss as an example of what is ing a loss of 782 million francs keeping foreign institutional inin the period a year earlier. The company was repri-

Norsk Hydro Profit Rises 51% In 3d Quarter

OSLO - Norsk Hydro A/S tilizer prices rose, oil output increased and metals prices re-

mained strong. Norway's largest industrial company posted net profit of 1.66 billion kroner (\$267.1 million), compared with profit of 1.10 billion kroner a year ago. The company did not provide sales figures.

The results were lower than some analysts had expected, and Norsk Hydro shares fell 6.5 kroner, to 255.50.

Light metals remained Norsk Hydro's most profitable busibusiness rose to 943 million kroner, from 575 million kroner.

company had operating profit of 859 million kroner, up from 724 million, as a 14 percent increase decline in prices.

Prices and sales of fertilizers rose, more than doubling operating profit in Norsk Hydro's agriculture unit, to 580 million

Norsk Hydro said profit for the first nine months doubled. to 5.77 billion kroner.

manded Friday by the French PARIS — Pechiney SA, the stock-market regulator, Com-

As France tries to raise 40 Pechiney said in September billion francs through asset that it had earned a profit of 658 sales this year, investors point vestors from investing in

> "I'm completely disgusted by this kind of stunt," said hristian Albuisson, who handles French investments at Edinburgh Fund Managers.

"The French government is deluding itself if it thinks we're going to continue to finance these idiocies," he said. "Investors are getting fed up. When the time comes, we'll vote with our feet."

Pechiney investment certifisaid Monday its third-quarter cates — the only security in the profit rose 51 percent as fer-company that is currently publicly traded --- fell 4 percent on MOnday, to a 52 week low of 252.1 francs.

Pechiney denied it had done anything wrong. It justified omitting the first-half charge by saying it was in the process of selling another unit, Eléments de Turbomoteurs, which will earn it about 1.8 billion francs in the current reporting period.

The net result of all three sales will be a profit of 1 billion francs in the full year, Pechiney said.

Mr. Albuisson was not convinced. He said Pechiney's atness. Operating profit in that tempt to mask its loss ruled out any possibility of his buying into the company when the state In its oil-and-gas division, the puts it up for sale. That is expected to happen before the end of this year. The COB said it would con-

in output offset a 10 percent tent itself with issuing a reprimand. "There is no provision here for us to fine the company,' a spokesman said.

Pechiney's asset sales are part of an effort to reduce its debt ahead of its sale to the public. At the end of June, Pechiney had debt of 14.4 bil-

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Foreign Exchange Still Soaring

New Growth in Market Is Driven by Futures Trading

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune

PARIS — It is faster than the 3.2 percent growth in the world economy, faster than the 7.1 percent advance in global trade and, in fact, faster than any other official measure of real activity: Daily trading in the foreign-exchange tracts boosted the daily turnover total by market around the world is expanding at a about 7 percent. The full data on the hectic 14 percent a year.

But in sharp contrast to past experience, growth in forex trading is being driven by activity in the futures market rather than by cash transactions in the spot market, the Bank for International Settlements said Monday.

Analysts have attributed the rise. which has been particularly torrid in swap activity, to declining transaction costs and an increased need for protection on currency movements given the increasing portfolio investments in foreign mar-

In a preliminary analysis of its triennial market survey, the BIS estimated that average daily turnover excluding double counting now totals \$1.23 trillion. That is a 50 percent increase (or an annualized rate of 14 percent) from the previous survey, which showed expansion of 39

The growth in the forwards market, at 65 percent, was nearly double the 34 rcent advance in spot trading.

Noting that the overall comparison be-tween surveys was distorted by the dollar's sharp depreciation -- raising the dollar value of nondollar transactions the BIS estimated that ironing out this

less unchanged from the 1992 survey.

The data are only preliminary, as they do not yet include figures on the fastgrowing over-the-counter and exchangetraded derivatives. In the previous survey, these currency futures and options contracts boosted the daily turnover total by survey, which was conducted in April, is

to be published next year. Trading in the spot market accounted for only 43 percent of activity, down from 49 percent in the 1992 survey.

The main increase occurred in the forward market, where swaps overshadowed outright forwards by a ratio of 6-to-1. Outright forwards are contracts to buy or sell a currency for delivery in the future. A swap is usually a hedging transaction where a currency is bought or sold in the spot market and reversed at some time in

the future Britain reinforced its claim as the hub of the market, as business transacted from there rose to 30 percent of daily worldwide turnover, from 27 percent in 1992. The United States remained a distant second with an unchanged market share of

16 percent. Japan held its third place with a market share of 10 percent, down from 11 per-cent, but Hong Kong, now in fifth place with 6 percent of the market, displaced Switzerland, now number six, whose share dropped I point, to 5 percent. Germany is a close seventh- most-active cen-

The fastest growing major center was increased to 20 percent from 12 percent.

distortion would show the market grow- France, where business has grown 74 ing "in the region of 30 percent," more or percent and market share has risen from 3 to 4 percent reflecting the French currency's central role as Europe tries to cobble together monetary union by the turn of the century.

Large gains from very small starting points were also recorded in Greece (up 227 percent), Austria (202 percent), Portugal (up 85 percent), Belgium (79 percent), Italy (50 percent) and Spain (49

As a result, the French franc doubled its standing. The proportion of trading involving the franc now stands at 8 percent, up from 4 percent in 1992. Likewise, the category of "other" currencies of the European monetary system accounted for 13 percent, compared with only 9 percent in 1992. These gains are into the role of the Deutsche mark and sterling.

The mark accounted for 37 percent of transactions, down from 40 percent, and sterling's share fell to 10 from 14 percent. The European currency unit lost 1 percentage point, to 2 percent, and the Swiss franc dropped to 7 percent from 9 per-

The dollar and the yen each gained I percentage point, to 83 percent and 24 percent, respectively. The sum totals 200 percent, as each transaction involves two

currencies. The BIS report noted that the market remained dominated by professional traders. Transactions between dealers account for some two-thirds of overall turnover after adjusting for double counting. The share of financial institutions

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Very briefly:

Club Méditerranée SA, the French tour operator, said it priced 2.44 million new shares at 360 French francs (\$72.80) each to raise about 880 million francs, boosting the company's nominal capital by almost a quarter, in a capital increase that will be used primarily to fund expansion in Asia and buy out minority shareholders in its U.S. unit.

U.S. Department of Transportation negotiators said they were suspending the current round of civil aviation talks to liberalize the market with Britain. No arrangements for further talks have been made. U.S. and British negotiators have been attempting to agree on a package of measures to liberalize certain aspects of the current Air Services Agreement, including expanded landing rights for U.S. carriers at Heathrow airport.

Britain's economic growth rate fell to 2.4 percent in the third quarter, the lowest year-to-year rate for a quarter since early

Glaxo Wellcome PLC said it had reached a settlement with Genpharm and related companies of the E. Merck Generics Group over its patents for the medication Zantac. European Union antitrust officials launched a formal in-

vestigation into a planned alliance between AT&T Corp. and Unisource NV, a venture formed by several European telephone companies including Telia AB of Sweden and PTT Telecom BV of the Netherlands.

 Sara Lee Corp., which already owns the Dim, Playtex, Won-derbra, and Cacharel underwear lines, said it had signed a letter of intent to buy Lejaby-Euralis SA, a French manufacturer of

Rémy Cointreau SA said that sales in the six months to September were "more than 2.9 billion francs," or \$587 million, which would amount to a rise of 3.7 percent from the same period

 BAK AG, an economic research group based in Basel, said it share value on the Paris stock exchange expected Switzerland's gross domestic product to expand by 0.9 percent in 1995, compared with its revised forecast of 1 percent in August. The institute said that the main reason for the country's sluggish economic growth was the franc's strength.

(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX, AP)

Glencore Buys 15% of Metaleurop

PARIS - Glencore International AG.

the commodities trading empire once controlled by Marc Rich, has agreed to buy 15 percent of Metaleurop SA, a French company that is one of the world's biggest lead producers, Metaleurop said Monday.

It said the two companies had entered a strategic alliance in which Glencore would buy the shares from Metaleurop's parent company, Preussag AG of Germany.

Agreements have been reached for Glencore to buy later an unspecified further stake from Preussag, which currently owns 51 percent of Metaleurop.

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negotiating," said a spokesman. "In Glen-

core we have found it."

Swiss-based Glencore is one of the new title of Glencore. world's largest private commodity traders and holds stakes in markets ranging from metals and grains to petroleum and cot-

Glencore employs 2,000 people in 45 countries. Its volume exceeds \$25 billion a would help its own raw material purchas-Under the new agreement, Glencore

would nominate two executives to the supervisory board alongside three from Glencore's founder, Marc Rich, is one of

The German company said the deal was part of "a strategic" accord. "We were modities trade. looking for a good partner in the field of But he stepped down last year after a

house abandoned his name and adopted the

Metaleurop said the Glencore partnership would also belp it push through a sweeping restructuring program that has seen it reduce its production of lead.

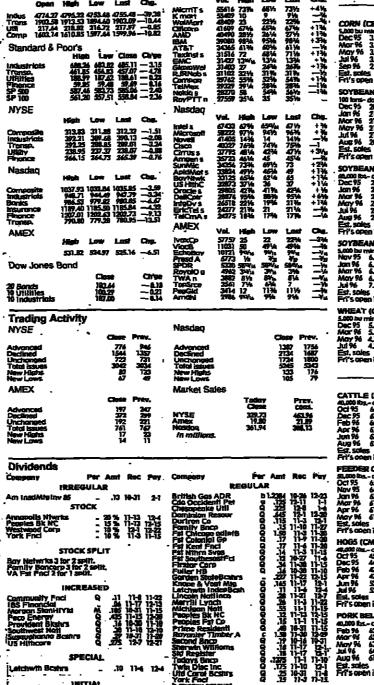
The company is phasing out an old lead

smelter in Nordenham, Germany, and year, Metaleurop said, adding that the link plans to replace it with a new low-cost Metaleurop produces 360,000 tons of

lead a year, amounting to about 8 percent of production in the Western world. It is also a leading producer of zinc, with annual output of 245,000 tons.

Metaleurop has lost 24 percent of its since the beginning of the year. Its price was down 8.2 percent to 485 francs Monmanagement buy-out in which his trading day in reaction to the announcement. (Reuters. AFP)

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Japan's Brokers **Profit From Rise** In Bond Prices

Bloomberg Business News Japanese brokerage houses reported higher-than-expected first-half earnings Monday, as a bond-market rally increased trading profits.

"A recovery in the convertible-bond market and a drop in about 25 percent in the latest interest rates has helped our bond commissions more than recover," said Atsushi Saito, executive managing director of Nomura Securities Co.

Nomura, Japan's largest brokerage house, reported a 43 percent rise in current, or pretax, profit for the half year to September. It earned 32.16 billion yen (\$319.5 million), com-

pared with a profit of 22.50 billion yen a year ago. Nikko Securities Co. posted a current profit of 25.53 billion yen for the half, compared with a profit of just 2.33 billion yen a year ago. The result was 10 percent higher than the company predicted a last month.

Daiwa Securities Co., meanwhile, said net income rose to 20.20 billion yen from 3.23 bil-

lion yen a year ago. Yamaichi Securities Co. re-ported a 5.21 billion yen current profit, reversing a loss of 8.72 billion yen in the previous year. That was double the company's

mitial earnings prediction. The earnings reports were announced after the market closed. but shares in many of Japan's brokerage houses rose. Daiwa Securities gained 30 yen, or about 2 percent, to 1,270 yen.

Nomura stock rose 20 yen, to 1,960, but shares in Yamaichi Securities eased 2 yen to 565, was unchanged, at 1,040.

TOKYO — The top four drove yields to historic lows this summer after the central bank cut its discount rate to a record low of 0.5 percent. U.S. Treasuries also rallied, gener-

ating brokerage commissions. Stock prices rebounded half. That helped volume rise about 7 percent on the Tokyo Stock Exchange's first section. Japan's brokers derive more than a third of their profits from stock-trading commissions.

"The primary reason for our recovery has to do with a rebound in domestic and overseas bond markets," said Hideyu Igarashi, vice president of Securities Co. His company earned 3.15 billion year ago of 1.38 billion yen. For the current year, which ends in March 1996, the 20 brokerage houses listed on Japan's first section expect to report profits of 94.5 billion yen, up

of more than 254 billion yen. Analysts, however, say these stimates may be too bright. "The full-year forecasts are looking a little optimistic,' said David Threadgold, an analyst at BZW Securities (Japan) Ltd. "Volumes are right down again, and it seems like they're going to have a struggle to make these forecasts."

from aggregate losses last year

In October, average daily volume on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange has been about 274 billion yen a day. For the entire first half, average trading totaled 376 billion yen a day. Brokers are basing their secondwhile Nikko Securities stock half estimates on daily volume of 368 billion yen.

Read Them and Weep? Softbank Takes Risk on Ziff Magazines

By Laurence Zuckerman New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Is PC Magazine the Rockefeller Center of the 1990s?

That is what many in the computer industry are wondering since the news surfaced last week that the Softbank Corp. of Japan was negotiating to buy Ziff-Davis Publishing, the world's largest producer of computer magazines, including PC Magazine.

The deal is expected to be completed in the next few weeks for a price of more than \$2 billion, according to people familiar with the negotiations.

become one of publishing's biggest success stories. This year the magazine is included for the first time in the rankings of the Publishers Information Bureau, which tracks about 200 titles, and is currently No. 1 in total adver-tising, ahead of Forbes and Business Week, and No. 6 in total revenue.

Nevertheless, in the view of some analysts, the magazine may already have seen its best years, making Softbank's bid possibly a risky play and leaving some to wonder if the purchase might prove more akin to the case of Rockefeller Center, which was acquired for too dollar by the Mitsubishi Corp. at the peak of the real estate boom in the 1980s before subsequently being forced into bankruptcy.

Softbank, which is controlled by the 39year-old entrepreneur Masayoshi Son, has already spent more than \$1 billion to acquire Ziff-Davis's exhibition business and the company that presides over the annual Comdex computer trade show in Las Vegas.

In order to finance the acquisition of Ziff-Davis Publishing, which was purchased by the leveraged-buyout firm of Forstmann Little & Co. last year for \$1.4 billion, Softbank has said that it will issue \$630 million worth of new stock. The remaining money would be raised by issuing bonds, a breathtaking sum for a company of Softbank's size.

To service that debt, Mr. Son would be source of growth, the executive said. depending overwhelmingly on three Ziff-Davis publications: PC Magazine, PC Week and Computer Shopper. Ziff-Davis, a private company, does not disclose its financial results, but according to last year's offering

document, 84 percent of the company's profit came from those three titles alone.

While all three publications are clearly dominant, their growth has slowed in recent ears compared with the computer magazine sector as a whole. For example, in the first nine months of the year, PC Magazine's revenue increased just 2.3 percent, compared with an overall average revenue increase of nearly 17 percent for 189 computer industry titles surveyed by Adscope Inc., a research firm in Goldendale, Washington.

Mr. Son has said that revenue from his new properties would come from "synergies" be-tween his two exhibition businesses and the Since it was founded in 1981, PC Magazine Ziff-Davis publications. That raises alarm has ridden the personal-computer boom to among some who worry that Mr. Son might not respect the division between editorial content and advertising that has been a Ziff-Davis

> Such divisions are not well defined in Japan, according to some analysts, where Softbank in addition to being a major magazine publisher, is also the country's largest distributor of software and computer products. Softbank also recently formed a joint venture with Sega of America to distribute interactive entertainment, software and computer hardware in the United States.

> 'If you are selling the products of vendors whose products you also cover, I think the conflict of interest is inherent," said Phil Lemmons, editor-in-chief of PC World, a monthly published by IDG, a Ziff-Davis rival.

> But several people said Mr. Son, who was educated in California, knew enough not to risk the Ziff-Davis franchise by hurting the company's credibility.

Ziff-Davis has not expanded abroad as aggressively as some of its competitors, and Mr. Son might see growth opportunities there, said a Japanese computer executive who is familiar with Mr. Son. Another possible attraction of Ziff-Davis could be ZD-Net, the company's on-line service, which has 300,000 paying subscribers. Such services are not well established in Japan and could be a tremendous

Mr. Son, an ethnic Korean, and who who is worth more than \$1.5 billion, has proved to be resourceful. "He may have plans for the exhibition company and the magazines that we don't know about," the executive said.

Elf Quits Chinese Refinery

PARIS - Elf Aquitaine SA and its Chinese partner Sinopec said Monday that the French oil company had withdrawn from a project to build a 12.5 billion French franc (\$2.5 billion) re-finery in Shanghai following a feasibility study.

But Elf said that it would invest more than 2 billion francs in China between now and 2000, with the focus mainly on medium-sized projects in all sectors of its activities.

Elf executives said the decision was also part of a strategy review. "Rather than investing a large sum in a single project, we prefer to share this sum out between a number of projects," an executive said. The decision was announced following a visit to China by Philippe Jaffre, president of Elf.

The project, for a refinery with an annual capacity of 8 million metric tons (1.1 million barrels), and for arrangements to distribute oil products in Shanghai, was launched in

In 1993, Chinese specialists estimated the cost at about \$1.4 billion, but the predicted price has escalated.

Elf said it was concerned that its returns on the project would not have been sufficient, in particular because of restrictions on oil-product prices by the Chinese government. It said its planned investment in China should enable it to triple its sales figures on the Chinese market.

The company said it was ready to launch projects in many regions and in exploration and production in the Tarim Basin, as well as in chemicals for the health and beauty business

(AFX, AFP, Reuters)

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Very briefly:

Nokia Group of Finland, Europe's top mobile-phone maker, said it would provide a digital cellular-phone network for 30,000 subscribers in Jiangui, a Chinese province.

Pakistan Telecommunication Corp. said computer users in the country would be able to gain access to its system for using the Internet with a local telephone call, beginning in November.

The Philippines' plan to allow a new international phone operator into a crowded market is being opposed by BayanTel. one of the approximately 10 operators already doing business in

Venture partners in the giant Porgera gold mine in Papua New Guinea downgraded their forecast of 1 million ounces of gold production for the year following lower-than-expected production evels over the past nine months. The Portuguese colony of Macao said it would establish air

links with Malaysia and Thailand within the next two weeks. Cambodia, Laos, Burma, Thailand, Vietnam and Yunan, a southern province of China, began meetings in Bangkok with private-sector business representatives aimed at attracting investment into the Mekong River region.

 China's railway ministry said it wanted to upgrade the nation's rail lines to meet international standards within 15 years. • India said it would allow imports of gold and silver jewelry as part of its drive to open up its economy, according to local (AP. Reuters, AFX, AFP)

Hong Kong About to Get 3d Airline Mitsubishi Ltd., the company forming the new carrier, and who has worked for both Cathay Pacific and Hong Kong government. This sales Rise

HONG KONG — The stateowned China National Aviation Corp. is likely to get ap- Dragonair, said he approached proval to set up a Hong Kong airlines operation in early 1996, a Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department official said Mon- to form an autine in Hong day, but the destinations the Kong. carrier might serve were not

Corp. has applied for an Air Operators' Certificate, which China Hong Kong. would give it rights to base a

A third airline in Hong Kong could damage Cathay Pacific Airways and Dragonair, which is partly owned by Cathay and its parent, Swire Pacific Ltd. Currently, the two carriers do not compete on any routes.

Lew Roberts, 66, who is an through the regulatory thickets executive with China National Aviation Corp. (Hong Kong)

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SYDNEY — The former

chairman of Fosters Brewing

Group, Neil Clark, has been

named as the chairman of Coles Myer Ltd., industry sources

The sources, who asked not

to be identified, said Mr. Clark

is expected to be officially

named Tuesday. Coles Myer

Mr. Clark would not com-

ment on speculation that he

wouldtake over from the out-

going executive chairman. Solomon Lew, who stepped

Mr. Clark has been the fa-

vorite among institutions to head Coles Myer because of his

performance in turning around a troubled and debt-laden Fos-

After Fosters annual meeting on Monday, Mr. Clark said, "I

have made no decision about

my future. Let's wait and see

Mr. Clark formally stepped

down as chairman of Fosters on

Monday. He is to be replaced by

John Ralph, who is currently a

Coles Myer announced last

week that Mr. Lew would be-

come vice chairman and five

new nonexecutive directors

would be appointed in a move

wimed at appeasing sharehold-

ers who were unhappy with the

board's lack of independence.

John Ralph, 63, joined the

Fosters board of directors in

February 1994 following a 46-

year career with CRA Ltd., the

Mr. Raiph said Fosters would

continue to move along the path

ourlined by managing director. Ted Kunkel, and Mr. Clark.

(AFX, Reuters)

mining concern.

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As Chief

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what transpires.

for both Cathay Pacific and China National Aviation Corp. after the subsidiary of China's air regulator applied last spring

A few months later, Mr. Roberts said he was asked to China National Aviation help the company start the air-— which is now known as

China National Aviation carrier in Hong Kong as early as Corp. (Hong Kong)'s relationApril, 1996.

Corp. (Hong Kong)'s relationship to China National Aviation

Mr. Roberts said he is looking for seven pilots, as well as Corp. is unclear. China National Aviation

Corp. is an arm of the Civil Aviation Administration of Mr. Roberts said his task was to steer China Hong Kong

Hong Kong-based airline. He said he did not know what

would happen after that. The routes the company chooses to fly will be up to China National Aviation Corp. He said he be-lieves China National Aviation currently has 44 aircraft.

one plane, and I can get that," said Mr. Roberts. China National Aviation re-

fused to comment. hire these people rather than lease their services. "I want to build the com-

'he said. Mr. Roberts would not say where the new carrier may fly. "If they want me to fly to Timuntil it receives an Air Oper- buktu, I'll fly to Timbuktu," he 276,995, and total exports fell 30 Certificate from the said.

TOKYO - Mitsubishi Motors Corp. reported rises on Monday in car sales and output in the half year to September, but Mazda Motor Corp. suffered

drops in both indicators. Mitsubishi's domestic pas "To get an AOC, all I need is senger-car sales jumped 28 percent from a year earlier, to 234,631 umit vehicle sales fell 7 percent, to 173,989. Domestic car production rose 8 percent, to 442,915 units, with commercial-vehicle engineers. He said he wants to output rising 4 percent, to hire these people rather than 206,79! units. Car exports fell 8 percent, to 164,621 units, though commerical-vehicle shipments

rose 2 percent, to 79,609. Mazda's domestic sales fell 11 percent, to 175,355 units. Car output plunged 28 percent, to (Bloomberg, Reuters) percent, to 202,997.

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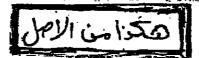
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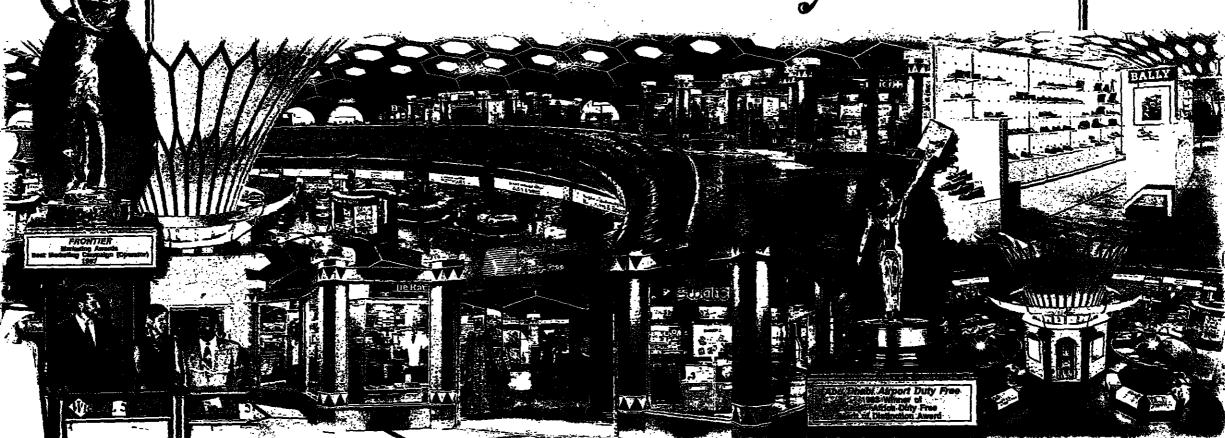
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n the 21st of August 1995,
H.E. Sheikh Hamdan Bin
Mubarak Al Nahyan,
Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Department
of Civil Aviation inaugurated nine new
specialty shops in the Abu Dhabi Duty
Free complex. Coinciding with the
completion of ten years of operations, the
new 320 square meter extension has not
only initiated a new trend in the region's
duty free industry, but it has also signalled
the beginning of another glorious decade for
Abu Dhabi Duty Free.

Looking back, it seems quite clear that

A decade marked by significant milestones which have placed Abu Dhabi Duty Free firmly amongst the most innovative tax free operators in the world: Prestigious sports events attracting both local and international talents. World renowned "hard cash" duty free raffle promotion, with six draws every month, and US\$138,000 in prize money to be won at each draw. Creation of the new open plan layout with thoughtfully designed 'walkways' that serve as a magnet for shoppers who now spend more time shopping and less time waiting for

flights. Aggressive advertising and marketing plans that saw annual sales grow from over US\$6 million in 1984 to US\$62 million in 1994!

As Abu Dhabi Duty Free is advancing into another decade, which will take it beyond 2000, Mohamed Mounib, General Manager, has every reason to be confident about the future: "With 3.5 million passengers using the airport all through the year and revenues for the first six months reaching over US\$37 million, we expect sales to increase by almost 20%— so the projections for 1995 are in excess of US\$80 million."



Staying ahead in the highly competitive world of airport duty free is a tough task and unless you continue to develop and upgrade your facilities it is easy to slip behind. Abu Dhabi Duty Free has been at the forefront of similar facilities not only in the Middle East but internationally and to maintain that position we have opened a new extension housing luxurious branded shops. This is a symbol of our commitment to continuous improvement of passenger services which holds the key to the success of any airport."

H. E. Sheikh Hamdan Biri Mubarak Al Nahyan Chairman, Department of Civil Aviation, Abu Dhabi.



November 1995 marks a successful decade for Abu Dhabi
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Middle East by accommodating some of the world's biggest names in
product merchandising at dedicated outlets within the new extended
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Mohamed Mounib, General Manager, Abu Dhabi Duty Free

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Abu Dhabi's airport expansion has unique attractions.

In ten years of full operation, Abu Dhabi International Airport Duty Free has seen its sales climb from \$7.5 million in 1985 to an expected record of \$81 million by the end of this year. Its duty free shop is set to become the most innovative in the region and is about to introduce some unique facilities including a golf course — for the flying public.
 Abu Dhabi is also going ahead with a new terminal.

Mohamed Mounib, general manager, Abu Dhabi and Al Ain Duty Free, has set the tone for the coming changes by the August opening of nine leading international brand name shops. These include such names as the Tie Rack, Hermès, Swatch and Bally.

What makes their operation different is that for the first time in the Middle East the brand-name shops will be managed and staffed by the duty free's own personnel. "We run the shop - we control the stock and the prices," says Mr. Mounib, who spent months negotiating three-year contracts with the companies.

After the first month of operation, Mr. Mounib was enthusiastic about the success of the new operation. At the end of September he expected the new shops would help boost the 20 percent increase in sales which he had forecast for the whole duty-free operation. It was expected to reach over \$80 million by the end of the year.

Last year's sales total was \$61 million, a 19 percent in-

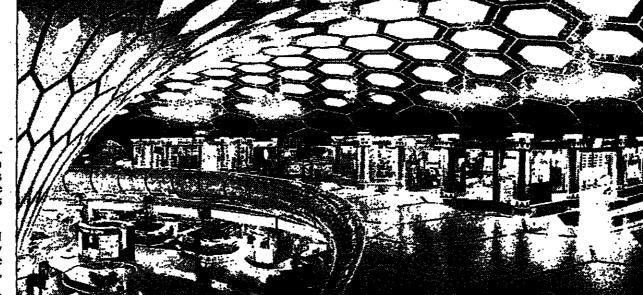
The top selling categories of goods sold were gold (15.2 percent of the total), perfumes (12 percent), beverages (11.9 percent), electronics (11 percent), cigarettes (10.1 percent), food (9.8 percent), watches (7.8 percent), cosmetics (4.5 percent), fashion (3.6 percent) and diamonds (3.5 percent).

Abu Dhabi has not been as boastful about its activities as other duty free outlets. But it has won a number of tax free and travel industry awards and, in its own conservative way, has scored a number of firsts for the region. It pioneered one of the first airport duty free arrivals shops and in its acclaimed Hard Cash raffle, now entering its fourth year, it has given away a total of \$27 million.

The new dedicated shops are all "firsts" for the Middle East. All the additions and improvements to the shopping area, which has now been extended to the upstairs lounge, are part of Abu Dhabi's commitment to service for the estimated 4 million passengers who will have used the airport this year.

When opening the new-style extension last August, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, chairman of the Department of Civil Aviation, made a comment which expresses the basis of the duty free operation and its continued expansion: "The additions are a symbol of our commitment to a continuous improvement of passenger services that hold the key to the success of any airport," he said. "It should not be measured just in terms of space."

business travelers' club and a transit hotel available to passengers after they enter the departure area. The business



lew brand-name shops on the upper level of Abu Dhabi International Airport.

club, which is within the transit hotel, offers full business services and refreshments in the lounge, all of which are free. There is also a first class restaurant.

Access to the lounge is available on a one-time basis for 55.7 dirhams (\$16). Rooms in the hotel are available from 360 dirhams a night for a single.

Leisure center

Next year work is to begin on a new range of fitness and health facilities, including a nine-hole, par-3, all-green golf course that will be the only one in the Middle East, if not the world, attached to an airport for the use of passengers. We are not just doing a project, we are providing a ser-

vice," says Mr. Mounib. New extensions are also being added to Al Ain Interna-tional Airport, which opened less than a year ago. Abu Dhabi is the only one of the seven emirates comprising the

United Arab Emirates to have two international airports. Sheikh Hamdan, who has been the guiding light behind many of the changes, said work on a new terminal for Abu Dhabi airport will start early next year, together with the new outside leisure complex.

Distinctive mosaics

The new terminal will be much larger than the existing circular building, but in the same style with its distinctive blue, green and gold mosaics on the inside of a mushroom-shaped

"We need to grow," says Sheikh Hamdan. "Right now, we have reached the end of our space at the airport. The extension is necessary because otherwise the facilities will be burdened with the growing traffic."

When completed, the airport should be able to handle up to 6 million passengers a year. Capacity will be increased by the addition of the second satellite terminal, which will have 11 stands for the passenger jets. There will be both departure and arrival lounges and a new duty free complex in the ter-

As part of the general ongoing refurbishment program, new check-in facilities and departure systems are to be installed at the present terminal. More rooms will be added to as well as a lift comupper lounges.

One of the most interesting developments will be the leisure center, including a fitness center and the golf course, with a clubhouse built inside the body of an old Tri-star jet. Mr. Mounib expects the new facilities to be self-financing.
"It is a long-term project which will provide additional services and hopefully will encourage more airlines to use our

Proving to be a notable success are the two elegant blocks of famous-name boutiques you see as you emerge from the

tunnel linking immigration with the upstairs departure lounge. Such enterprises as Bally, Hermes, the Tie Rack, Hanro, Benneton, Blue Drake, Dormeuil and Swatch are

committed to supplying a full range of goods.

For example, Swatch has had the latest complete summer collection: the Tie Rack's range of scarves and ties are not repeated and have been an instant success: "We have had one passenger from South Africa who bought 30 ties," says Gillian Hawksby, merchandising manager. "Another, a German lady, bought 22 Hermès scarves. Hanro lingerie is very popular with the local market and it is the company's first shop at an airport."

The new upstairs shops also include a golf professional and a store selling sound and video tapes. Something new is an Optical shop, which offers free eye tests by specially trained staff using the latest computerized diagnostic ma-

Downstairs is a computer shop offering an extensive range of lap-tops and software, as well as technical advice. And by the escalators is a combined Cartier and Yves Saint Laurent boutique selling pens, lighters and other accessories.

Use of space

Although all the new shops, which cover 320 square meters (383 square yards), seem filled to capacity with displayed goods, there is in fact plenty of "openness" and room for passengers to move around to choose the items. The use of space and sophisticated lighting and glass is designed to make shopping a pleasurable experience.

Mr. Mounib sees the introduction of the branded shops as "accommodating some of the world's biggest names," and, he adds, "we are creating the most opulent ambiance for carefree shopping."

With over 50 percent of all passengers at the airport being in transit, international promotion is essential. This now takes the form of television and print advertising around the

"We were one of the first to advertise on cable TV," says Niveen Ibrahim, who is in charge of marketing. The duty free has appeared on TV in Europe and Asia via CNN, Star Plus, BBC Worldwide and Orbit TV.

Raffle results

Apart from TV commercials, exposure is sometimes obtained by televising the Hard Cash raffle. "We used to have only three draws a month," says Mrs. Ibrahim. "Now we

have around eight," The first raffle took 21 days to sell.

The Hard Cash draw, in which a limit of 1,200 participants each purchase a ticket for \$138, has become of the industry's most innovative and successful promotional events. The winner stands to gain \$138,000 in cash.

The youngest winner was a four-year-old Abu Dhabi national. Fifty-six percent of all winners have been Indians. Tickets are also available at Al Ain International Airport,

and there is now a tie-up with Gulf Air - free raffle tickets are offered to first- and business-class passengers flying out of Abu Dhabi on certain routes.

An additional "Shop Free 500" scheme offers some Gulf Air passengers a 500-dirhams coupon which can used to buy goods at Abu Dhabi or Al Ain Duty Free shops or exchanged for a Hard Cash raffle ticket.

Since the Hard Cash promotion began just over three years ago, the total amount given away has reached \$27 milfrom The draw has become one of the main pillars of Abu Dhabi's advertising campaign.

"It has been a real success story - because it's money, real cash," says Mrs. Ibrahim.

Another theme for its media advertising has been "Life's Special Meetings," reflecting the idea that buying a gift for a loved one from Abu Dhabi Duty Free is a pleasant and integral part of global travel.

Grand Prix venue

Other promotion activities now include a growing number of sporting activities, from power boat racing to football. In 1992. Abu Dhabi was chosen as the venue for the World Formula One Grand Prix Powerboat Circuit. In 1994 and this year Abu Dhabi Duty Free has sponsored one of France's main horseracing events, the Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly. It is widely televised and reflects the United Arab Emirate's role in international horseracing.

A priority from the outset of the duty free operation has been to provide the right facilities combined with highly trained staff. There are now 250 personnel, including 62 new recruits, in the-recently opened brand-name shops. The staff is made up of half a dozen nationalities, mainly from South-East Asia, India and Pakistan.

Among the latest batch of recruits are some young women from China. "They are proving to be excellent," says Mrs. Ibrahim, "as they are very sales-oriented. I think we shall be recruiting more in the future."

The opening of the brand-name shops has meant an intensive training program for many of the staff, who have to learn about the products so that they can provide a more personal service for the customer. Many of the sessions are done in-house by suppliers and manufacturers.

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NFL HIGHLIGHTS

competitive juices are just as intense as when I was 22 years old," he said. "There was definitely a fire inside. I was definitely geared up for it." Jim Harbaugh, who came into the

game as the league's top-rated quarterback, was 17 of 25 for 202 yards Chiefs 21, Broncos 7: Steve

Bono ran for one touchdown and passed for another, and Marcus Allen became only the fourth player in NFL history to rush for 100 touchdowns as Kansas City beat the Broncos in a snowstorm in Denver.

The snow intensified at halftime and began obliterating the yard markers, but not before the Chiefs marched 52 yards for a score early in the third quarter for a 21-7 advan-

tage. Neither team scored after that. Packers 38, Vikings 21: Brett Favre, the Green Bay quarterback, tied a career high with four touchdown passes, and fill-in tight end Mark Chmura caught five passes for a career-best 101 yards and a touchdown. Favre completed 22 of 43 for 295 yards. Favre's opposite number. Warren Moon, completed just 16-of-

35 passes for 119 yards and two interceptions for the Vikings before being replaced by Brad Johnson.

Chargers 35, Seahawks 25; Stan Humphries, who missed last week's third consecutive San Diego loss because of a bruised rotator cuff, passed for three touchdowns in the Chargers' victory.

San Diego played inspired ball.
The defense, led by Leslie O'Neal,
sacked Rick Mirer seven times and intercepted Mirer three times.

Humphries, who finished 14-of-26 for 166 yards, completed two of the scoring tosses to running back Romie Harmon.

In earlier games, reported in some Monday editions:

49ers 44, Rams 10: Elvis came alive on Sunday in his first National Football League start to help the San Francisco 49ers rout the Rams to take a share of the division lead.

Elvis Grbac filled in for injured star quarterback Steve Young and passed for two touchdowns. Linebacker Ken Norton returned two interceptions for scores to lead the 49ers to a 44-10 victory over the Rams in St Louis. The 49ers intercepted Chris Miller, the Rams quarterback, four times.

'I got into the comfort zone when we scored right on our first possession," Great said. "This was our an interception.

historiest win of the year. We had to Panthers 20, Saints 3: Carolina biggest win of the year. We had to

execute and we did. Falcons 24, Buccaneers 21: At two straight. Tampa, Morten Andersen's 30-yard field goal with 7:18 to go gave the Falcons their fourth triumph in five games and snapped the Buccaneers'

Brunell passed for 164 yards and a TD, as the Jaguars (3-5) Jaguars tied



Vince Evans, 40-year-old stand-in Raiders' quarterback, running from Colts tackle Tony McCoy.

team. Mickey Washington returned an interception 48 yards for a Jaguars' score, snapping Vinnie Testaverde's streak of 174 straight passes without

(2-5) has its first winning streak —

Saints quarterback, Jim Everett completed 27 of 48 passes for 241 yards but was picked off four times, including three by former teammates four-game winning streak.

Jaguars 23, Browns 15: Mark

Brett Maxie and Sam Mills. Maxie
had two of the interceptions and took Brett Maxie and Sam Mills, Maxie over the NFC lead with five.

Houston suffered its third narrow to play. It was the Jets' first fourthdefeat in a row.

Erik Kramer, the Chicago quarteback, passed for a career-high 349 yards and two touchdowns. Rookie Rashaan Salaam rushed for 109 yards and a touchdown and Kevin Butler kicked four field goals.

Bears defensive end John Thierry recovered three fumbles in the first half, tying an NFL record.

Jets 17, Dolphins 16: Johnny

Mitchell, whose fumble on the previous series helped give Miami the lead, provided the winning points by Bears 35, Oilers 32: Chicago catching a three-yard touchdown the NFL record for an expansion built a 25-0 lead then held on as pass from Bubby Brister with 13:05 ants had the week off.

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quarter touchdown in 12 games. Redskins 36, Lions 30, OT: Dar-

rell Green intercepted Scott Mitchell's pass 3:49 into overtime and returned it seven yards for a touchdown for Washington. Eddie Murray, a former Lion, forced overtime with a 39-yard field goal with four seconds left.

The Redskins have won straight overall against the Lions, the longest current streak in the NFL. On Monday night, Buffalo is at New England. Arizona, Dalias, Philadelphia and the New York Gi-

Senators End Streak From Their Past Life

Compiled by Our Staff From Dupote her The Ottawa Senators ended a losing streak that was so long, it dated from a previous life.

The Senators had lost all 10 meetings with the New York Rangers since entering the league in 1992, but 65 years earlier, the old Ottawa Senators had lost their last game against the Rangers, so the 4-2 victory at Madison Square Gardens on Sunday ended a losing run that extended from 1936.

Radek Bonk had a goal and an assist as the Senators, the NHL's worst team the last three years, im

NHL HIGHLIGHTS

proved their record to 3-3. The first time the new Senators have been at

.500 so late in the season. Ottawa goaltender Don Beaupre had 23 saves. Mike Richter, back in goal after two victories by reserve Glenn Healy, stopped 22 shots for

Mighty Ducks 6, Jets 2: At Anaheim, Paul Kariya scored the goahead goal on a power play late in the second period and set up Chad Kilger's first NHL goal as the Mighty Ducks beat Winnipeg. The victory snapped a three-game

losing streak by the Ducks, who played without defenseman Milos Holan, Holan, who had been out with flu, has been diagnosed with chronic granulocytic leukemia, a malignant disorder of the bone marrow and needs a bone marrow trans-

Guy Hebert earned his first victory of the season in five attempts with 42 saves as the Ducks improved their all-time home record against Winnipeg to 5-0. However, the Mighty Ducks' streak of consecutive Anaheim Arena sellouts ended at 51, as they drew 141 fans fewer than the 17,174 capacity.

Sabres 5, Blues 2: Jason Dawe tonight."

scored twice and Buffalo had three power-play goals in the second period en route to a victory over vis-

iting St. Louis Blues. Yuri Khmylev, Charlie Huddy and Dawe each scored with the man advantage in the second period before Dawe put the game away with his third goal of the season with 3:37 left in the game.

Blackhawks 5, Flyers 4: Joe Murphy, benched last week, scored the tie-breaking goal early in the third period as Chicago beat visiting Philadelphia.

eric Daze, who also had been kept out of the Blackhawks' lineup by first-year coach Craig Hartsburg, scored twice as Chicago beat the Flyers for the first time in 10 games dating back to 1990.

The loss by Philadelphia leaves
Los Angeles as the NHL's only unbeaten team. The Flyers had allowed

only six goals entering the game. Sharks 1, Oilers 1: Edmonton was 12 seconds away from a victory when San Jose's Ulf Dahlen tipped the puck past Bill Ranford to tie the

It appeared that Zdeno Ciger's first-period goal was going to stand as the winner over the struggling Sharks. But with the extra attacker on the ice, the Sharks attacked the Edmonton zone, forcing a turnover that led to Dahlen's late goal, With the tie, the Sharks remained winless

Ranford stopped 23 shots while Sharks goalie Arturs Irbe had 27 saves, including 11 in the final pe-

With 11 seconds to go we should have gotten the puck out," Ciger said. "If we iced the puck, the game is done, but that's hockey."

"This game feels like a loss." Oilers right-winger Dennis Bonvie said. "We played really well. but Irbe made the big stops for them

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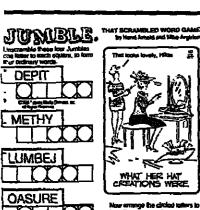
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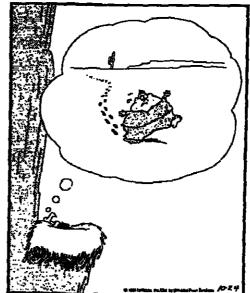
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Lopez is Braves' Hero At Bat and in the Field

Atlanta Takes a 2-0 Series Advantage As Indians' Power Hitters Stay Silent

ATLANTA - Javier Lopez was not the reason the Atlanta Braves lost the 1992 World Series. That is because Javier Lopez did not play in the 1992 World Series, even though he was on the Braves' roster.

If the Braves win the 1995 World Series, however, Javier Lopez will be at least partly responsible. On Sunday night his bat and his arm propelled the Braves to a 4-3 victory and a rwo-games-to-none lead over the Cleveland Indians.

When the Series resumes in Cleveland on Tuesday night, Charles Nagy will pitch for the Indians. There hasn't been much wrong with the Indians' pitchers; it is the Cleveland hit-

ters who have failed. The Indians were the American League's No. 1 team during the regular season in hitting. home runs and scoring. They have batted .125 in the first two games of the World Series and scored five runs, three of them

Eddie Murray hit a two-run home run against Tom Glavine in the second inning on Sunday ight. However, by the time the Indians scored another run mearmed — in the seventh, Lopez had hit what would be the game-deciding two-run home run against Dennis Mar-

In the eighth, with the Indians one run behind, Lopez picked Ramirez off first base to deflate an Indians threat.

Lopez, who will turn 25 in two weeks, did not play in the World Series opener. Charlie
O'Brien catches when Greg
Maddux pitches. Nor did Lopez play in any of the six games against Toronto in the 1992 World Series.

"I didn't expect to play; I was just a rookie, 'Lopez said, recalling his previous World Series experience. "But I was part of the team and it was a good feeling. I got the feeling to be in the World Series. I felt the loss of the team and I felt the win of the team."

The Braves were neither winning nor losing when Lopez stepped into the batter's box in the sixth inning. The Braves had tied the Indians with a tworun burst in the third inning after Martinez opened the inning by hitting Marquis Grissom with a pitch, then threw the ball away as he attempt to pick Grissom off second base.

'I tried to do it so quick I made a bad throw," said the 40year-old Martinez, who is the third oldest pitcher to start a World Series game.

Grissom moved to third on the error, and Chipper Jones drove him in with a fly to left field. David Justice singled

Justice led off the sixth inning with a single to left that Albert Belle bobbled, enabling age and a .565 slugging per-Justice to reach second. He centage. moved to third as Ryan Klesko grounded out to second, and that's when Lopez went to the

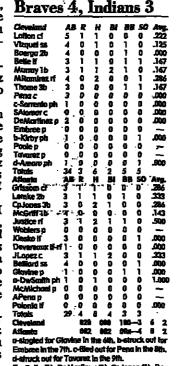
the ball to the wall, I thought I had it." Lopez said.

Belle caught that ball, I said, oh, no; how hard can I hit the ball to hit it out? My next at bat he threw me the same spot but a night did not end with the home different pitch. He threw a changeup the first time, then a one out in the eighth, with the

Martinez had a 1-2 count and said he tried to "go away" with the fastball. But, he explained, it ran into the middle of the

to reach the World Series and to win it this time. After the Braves scored a run in the 10th inning of the second game of the National League Championship Series against Cincinnati, Lopez sealed the victory with a three-run home run. Lopez was a .315 hitter dur-

He entered this game with a .391 post-season batting aver-



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nage.
"No doubt about it, this is a great feeling," the Puerto Ri-can player said. "Everybody vants to be a hero. I'm glad that "The time before, when I hit I hit the home run in the World Series. This is my first time in the World Series as a regular When I saw that Albert player and to become the hero in the second game is nothing

you can forget. But Lopez's star-studded run. After Ramirez singled with fastball away. I hit it pretty
Well."

Braves ahead by only a run,
Lopez picked him off for the second out.

Ramirez refused to talk about the play, but Mike Hargrove, the Indians' manager, said:
"The man just got out there too Lopez already had hit one big far. It's in the scouting report home run in the Braves' effort that Lopez likes to throw. We're aware of it, he's aware of it. He just didn't get back." Ramirez was a victim of his

own carelessness. When Ramirez was on first base for the first time," Lopez said, "Fred McGriff told me he'd been taking a big lead off first base. So the second time he got to first base, I saw him take a big lead and I saw Fred Mc-Griff looking at me and I gave him the sign. The next thing, I

timew him out. Alejandro Pena was pitching and had a 2-2 count on Jim Thome. Lopez called for a fastball down and in, but Pena threw it up and in.

and throw him out at first base," Lopez said. "He didn't swing at that pitch, but at least I threw to first base and got him

Pena threw a fourth ball to Thome, but Mark Wohlers came in and retired Paul Sorrento, a pinch-hitter, on a fly to deep center field.

In the previous inning, it was who relieved Greg and third and two out. Kenny Lofton had scored from second base when Mike Devereaux overran Omar Vizquel's line drive and turned it into a twobase error.

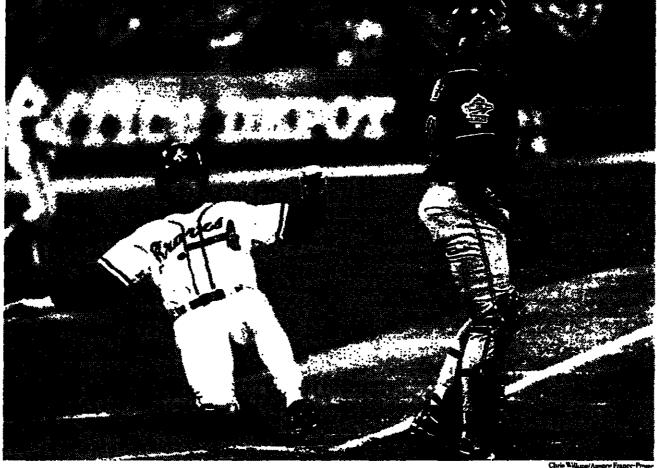
Beile was the batter Pena had to face, and he got him on a foul pop to Lopez. "Early this season when I

was with Boston," Pena said, 'he hit a homer off me. This was revenge. I started him off with a slider and then got him with three straight fastballs." Wohlers gave up a two-out single to Vizquel in the ninth, and Vizquel then stole second base with Carlos Baerga at bat. But just as he had in the first

"I thought about that as it Jones said. "I'm went up." elad it's worked out that way. Hopefully, we'll have two more that end the same way.'

game, Baerga ended the game

by popping up to Jones at



Tony Pena, the Cleveland catcher, waited for the ball as Mark Lemke scored Atlanta's second run on Sunday.

October Is a Very Different Country

Tom Boswell
Washington Post Service

To players who arrive here for the first time, the World Series is a shockingly alien place. Until you have the lay of this strange land, you can't really feel at home in such rarefied air. The giddiness of being part of your sport's history can distort your balance. Most of the Atlanta Braves have been here, fought here, failed here and survived to return here. The Series has tested them "What I was thinking was twice. Though they lost in 1991 and 1992, call a fastball, strike him out the Series found them worthy both times.

The Cleveland Indians, for all their recent victories, still have crisp new Series passports. Do they belong here? Why, the Indians have barely had time to unpack their bags. This Series has barely begun, right? Wrong, dead wrong. The World Series is

Vantage Point



The Braves won un in Game 2 Sund McMichael with runners at first night, nipping the Indians, 4-3, in another

nerve-racking, one-run battle.
Tom Glavine, who now has five excellent Series starts to his credit, got the victory with six determined innings. Like all four of the Braves starters, he has tons of October experience as well as superb mem-

ories of his own performances. The two-run Atlanta home run that broke a 2-2 six-inning tie was hit by Javier Lopez. He's a youngster. Yet he was a lateseason call up in both '92 and '93. He's felt pennant-race pressure. He even got to bat in the '92 playoffs. Every taste of this

strange post-season cooking is a help. As for the Indians, they're playing like disoriented foreigners. To say that the Braves - poised, prepared and resolute have stolen a march on the Indians is a gross understatement. Home teams that have taken a 2-0 lead in games have won the championship 23 of 27 times.

The Indians' problems may get worse. The Braves are a better road team than they are a home team here in Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. Their pitching improves

The Indians are mighty. But in two nights in Atlanta, they've also been mighty shaky. Twice they've taken small early leads. Twice the Braves have jumped back 402-foot sign in center field off Martinez ahead quickly. On Sunday, the Braves shook off a two-run Eddie Murray home

combination to the head In both games, the Braves' notoriously poor offense -- ninth in the National eague in runs --- has gradually worn down Cleveland starters. First, the Braves beat 38year-old Orel Hershiser. On Sunday, Dennis Martinez, 40, was soundly thumped. While Atlanta's starters have been a mystery to the Indians, the Braves feel comfortable against Cleveland's aces - both of

run as though it were a mere early-round

whom Atlanta knows extremely well.

Both games have also ended identically and eerily for the Indians. Twice, hitless Carlos Baerga has popped up weakly to third baseman Chipper Jones while cleanup Indian Albert Belle, with his 50

whom were long-time National Leaguers

iomers, expired on deck As fireworks exploded over the center field roof for the second straight evening. one thought came to mind: 1954. If a Cleveland team with Bob Lemon, Early Wynn, Mike Garcia, Bob Feller, Don Mossi, Ray Narleski, Vic Wertz, Al Rosen and Larry Doby can be swept by the likes of Dusty Rhodes, Don Liddle, Ruben Gomez and Marv Grissom, then this Cleveland team shouldn't be too sure it will return to Atlanta this autumn.

nce again on Sunday, the Indians made jittery mental and physical mistakes. Martinez hit a leadoff man with a pitch, then heaved a pickoff throw into center field. Belle made a grotesque error on a routine single directly at him. The ball hit his glove like it was a frying pan. Perhaps worst, with one out in the eighth inning of a one-run game, Manny Ramirez was picked off first base. When you have no reason to oam, that's as boneheaded as it gets.

For his part, Indians Manager Mike Har-grove hasn't been scintillating. In Game 1, he conceded a run by playing his infield back in a late-inning tie with Maddux pitchaway from this launching pad. In particular, ing for the other guys. Substitute the name John Smoltz, Greg Maddux and Glavine, who may well start in Cleveland, were 29-and you'll see how wrong that strategy is. ing for the other guys. Substitute the name Bob Gibson or Sandy Koufax for Maddux

The Braves also gained their final run on Saturday on a suicide-squeeze bunt with the Indians caught flat-footed.

In Game 2, Lopez's home run over the came in a situation where a quality hitter should never see a fat pitch. With a Brave on third, one out and Lopez at the plate, why not pitch around such a dangerous man with first base open? Then, face the tail end of the order - Rafael Belliard and the pitcher - with the double play in order. In the AL, where Hargrove has always managed, they have the designated hitter. So, such strategies seldom come into play.

"I got a fastball right down the middle," said Lopez of his blast.

The regular season and even the playoffs are merely baseball. The World Series is history. When you take the field, you step from the world sports into the broader domain of American popular culture. Everybody knows what you do. Everybody remembers. If it's good. Or if it's bad. Especially the bad.

The first time you reach mis scar ture, perhaps your nervous system doesn't function perfectly. It doesn't take much tension to turn your game down one disastrous notch. Sunday's key at-bat came in the seventh inning with the score 4-3 and Indians at the corners. Belle came to the plate, Alejandro Pena was called to the mound.

Pena only faced Belle once in the American League and he ding-donged him," said Braves Manager Bobby Cox, meaning that Belle homered.

However, that was during the regular season. Belle and the rest of the Indians will probably find their Series form eventually. Perhaps even on Tuesday. But this time, Belle's mammoth 400-foot blast went 200 feet straight up and 200 feet right back down into Lopez's mitt behind home plate.

In October, the game gets on top of you in a blink. The Indians' bench, as Baerga batted against the 100 mph fastballs of reliever Mark Wohlers to end the game. was a still-life study in depression. Where were the cheers and the encouragement?

"I have no reason to believe we won't show up to play," Hargrove said. "But it's going to be the biggest challenge we've booking of the game.

Brazil: Romario scored

Cruyff **Falls Foul** Of Referee

LONDON - Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff, banished to the stands early in his team's 1-0 home victory over Valencia on Sunday, has lambasted ref-eree Manuel Diaz Vega, 'When he doesn't whistle for

the very first foul against a 19year-old, it's difficult to know what to say," Cruyff said, speaking of Albert Celudes. "It's a good job I had my seat reserved in the stand."

It was the fourth time Cruyff has been sent from the bench as

coach at Nou Camp.
Italy: The debut of Internazionale's new English coach.
Roy Hodgson, carned a vote of approval following Sunday's 0-0 home draw with Lazio.

Hodgson, who took over at Inter a week ago, made tactical and personnel changes, recalling veteran defender Giuseppe Bergomi and midfielder Alessandro Bianchi, while moving sweeper Salvatore Fresi to midfield in a 4-4-2 formation.

Club owner Massimo Moratti said: "I saw an aggressive, concentrated Inter today." He added: "If you think that these results have been achieved in just four days, then I'd almost be tempted to call them prodi-

Hodgson faces a critical week. Inter play a one-leg Italian-Cup tie away to third division Fiorenzuolo on Tuesday, then face league leaders AC Milan in the Milan derby next Sunday.

Milan striker Georges Weah will miss Wednesday's Italian Cup tie against fourth division Forli and is doubtful for Sun; day's derby after pulling a thigh muscle in Sunday's 1-1 tie with

France: Paris St. Germain returned to peak form after a bleak spell at just the right time, beating Auxerre, 3-1, on Sunday, four days before Thursday's visit to Metz, the current league leaders.
The Parisians leap-frogged

over Auxerre into third place. closed the gap on Metz, who could only draw, 0-0, in Lille on Saturday, and stepped up the

Metz captain Sylvain Kastendeuch was impressed. 'They will start as favorites against us," he said. "Frankly, I saw they have got back the total mastery of the game which. has made them such a force in the last three or four years.

"They have the ball almost all the time and, when they lose it, they recover it almost im-

mediately. England: Matt Le Tissier was sent off after 69 minutes of Southampton's 3-1 home defeat to Liverpool in the premier

Le Tissier, spurned by Enga land manager Terry Venables, has not scored since an opening-day hat trick. He was shown the red card by referee Dermot

twice but Flamengo conceded two goals in the last nine minntes and drew. 2-2 away, to Bahia to continue their miserable run. Flamengo finished far down Group A in the first half of the season.

Corinthians drew, 1-1 away. to Criciuma and leads Group A after three games of the secondhalf of the season. Cruzeiro, who won Group A in the first: half of the season and is therefore guaranteed a play-off se-

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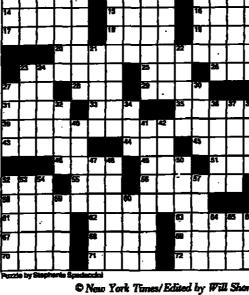
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Marvin Corpuz became the second Filipino boxer to die of head injuries within a week on Sunday. Corpuz, a 19-year-old flyweight, died a day after losing a 10-round fight to Allan Lianeta in General Santos city. Corpuz told his corner after the eighth round that he wanted to quit, but the crowd urged him on, shouting, "No sur-render, no surrender."

Pakistani Batsman Wins Case

Since 1954, to be exact.

KARACHI - Salim Malik was named in the Pakistani cricket squad that left for Australia on Monday after being cleared of bribery by former Supreme Court judge Fakhruddin Ebrahim. The judge exonerated the bastsman, saying sworn accusations by three Australian players that he mi-final place, lost, 2-1, to Sanhad tried to bribe them to play badly in a Test tos and have lost all three of match were 'not worthy of credence.' (Reuters) their second half games.

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Domestic Problems

WASHINGTON — I always know that the Ackmans have had a domestic spat when I walk into their house and they are sitting with their people at my firm, where I hapbacks to each other, staring at

They both work and their income is just about equal. But according to

Elaine Ackman, their domestic responsibilities are

Elame explained, "If, in the eyes of the law, we are the same, when it comes to house repairs, why do

I have to stay at home and wait for the repairman and he

Barry said, "Everyone has the answer to that. Women know how to talk to repairman and men don't. Besides, people at work will excuse a woman being late because of a houseproblem, but my boss would never approve of me telling him that I had to wait for the plumber."

Von Baden Art Sale Raises \$55.5 Million

BADEN-BADEN, Germany - The auction of a German aristocrat's huge and glittering art collection raised almost \$55.5 million, more than doubling the record for a German art sale, Sotheby's said.

About 25,000 paintings, jewels, furniture, porcelain and other works were sold by Margrave Max von Baden to help pay the family's tax bills and debts. They had been expected to make about \$21 million.

Elaine protested, "My job is just as important as yours." Ackman said, "You know that and I know that, but the pen to be vice president, never

bought it.' Elaine asked, "When one of the kids gets sick why does the female in the family always get elected to stay home?"

"It's a practical reason," Barry said. "A man is not trained to take care of a sick child, while illness is right up a working woman's alley. I believe in sharing all the domestic chores, but I can only do so much to keep this family afloat.

I could see Elaine was getting more and more annoyed. She turned to me, "It's not just sitting at home waiting for someone to install a new telephone line. It's the message that

Barry is sending with it.

"Indirectly, he's saying that
his job has priority over my job, his title is more important than mine and, while he has no objection to what I contribute to the pot, I'm still expected to be

the keeper of the gate."
"Elaine has a point," I told
Barry. "Maybe you should alternate your appointments with the workmen.

I could tell that Ackman did not consider my suggestion

helpful. "Even though I don't have time to devote to these situations doesn't mean that I don't care. I can see a worstcase scenario where Elaine has the flu. the furnace man is coming, the kids have the day off from school and a fraternity brother is stopping in Richmond on his way to Florida. Then I'd be more than happy to stay home, though heaven knows what good it would

Laurent De Wilde, the Mid-Atlantic Jazzman

By Mike Zwerin

DARIS - Laurent De Wilde, the Mid-Atlantic piano player of the year, is a graduate of the *École Normale* Supérieure. This school and a few others like it are called Les Grandes Ecoles and they are comparable to the Ivy League. They produce the elite in this country. And so it seemed appropriate to ask

De Wilde: "What's a nice guy like you doing in a métier like this?" He replied with a very American have-a-nice-day croon: "It seemed like a good idea at the time."

The time had been late. De Wilde did not decide to take jazz seriously until the age of 23 (he's 34 now). It had gone down like this. His father was an official in the French Embassy in Washington, Laurent was born there. The family went back and forth. He has two passports, Educated in France, he was too busy climbing the educational system's elite ladder to worry about what would come next. In the Grandes Ecoles, education becomes a sort of end in itself. He used to go on vacation with a

Greek dictionary in his backpack. He had little time for the piano throughout high and prep schools. The entrance exam for the Ecole Normale is tough. Once accepted, however, he found he could "coast. Once you're in, you're cool. You're paid. They pay you to go to school. Isn't that hip? I

could play music all day long."
The school sends students abroad for a year and when he asked to go to New York they said "Why not?" Working in the consulate's cultural service by day, jazz was "thrown in my face" at night. He returned to duate but straight life in Paris turned him off. He switched majors, you might say, as well as cities.

Back in New York, after two years

versity, he learned the repertoire in a big-time sink-or-swim situation as part of Ted Curson's rhythm section for the well frequented after-hour jam sessions in the Blue Note. He learned how the French military draft by "staring to relate to in-crowd jazzmen like Greg at my shoes for three days" during Osby, Ralph Moore, Ira Coleman and the test period: "It's hard to do. You

French woman he met in New York who would soon become his wife, he earned about life in Hell's Kitchen.

They found a huge loft where he could make music all night. But it turned out that the gas bill had not been paid for 15 years and Con Ed said come up with \$21,000 or the heat will be cut. It was mid-January. In Paris they cannot legally throw you out to freeze in the winter but there are no such niceties in New York. He felt like he was negotiating a Third World country's debt. They reached an agreement. But then the fire department found violations and the elevator broke down. And Patricia was pregnant.

A lucky break. A producer who was trying to close a French television deal with an American company spoke no English and said he'd "pay anything" for an interpretor. The consulate booked him up with the normalien in New York, who helped him put his variety show together. He became its musical director and was happy to be raising a child in Paris rather than

Another lucky break. Although he had decided to follow a different lifestyle, he missed intellectual pusuits like literature and philosophy which had attracted him to the Ecole Normal Supérieure in the first place. So when he met a French editor in New York who said to him "why don't you write a book about Thelonious Monk.?" De

Wilde replied: "Right-on, Daddy-o." He wrote it in Paris "in bursts" (in French, for Gallimard). He tried to write "well. Better than journalism." He knows about journalism. His interviews with major names appear regularly in Jazz Magazine. Monk, he says, is like "a farmer in cattle land. Herds of cattle stampede around his little garden mooing and kicking up a lot of dust, but he just goes on cul-tivating his tomatoes. He's a wonon scholarship at Long Island Uni- derful example of obstinacy. The lesson is be obstinate in your search for

> De Wilde can identify with obstinance. He obtained a deferral from



Billy Hart. And, with Patricia, a try it. My best friend from the third Pianist/normalien De Wilde in New York: "Right-on, Daddy-o."

group as me. We hadn't seen each other since. He kept looking at me. But I was supposed to be crazy, right? So I just kept staring at my shoes and I wouldn't talk to him.

That's one definition of how to separate the normaliens from the hipsters. That said, culturally speaking, De Wilde has been anything but obstinate. He's your classic Mid-Atlantic man. Vacillating back and forth. Even though he is the first artist to be signed by Sony France's new jazz production operation and his album "The Back Burner" has just been released, he feels himself losing his musical edge in Paris and is once more searching for a key to New York.

Being a Mid-Arlantic man can be schizophrenic. He speaks in a remark-ably aleatoric Franglais: "In America, the bottom line is 'make it work.' The nice thing about France is that there is no bottom line. Or rather the bottom line is making sense not money. We have great brains in France, but we don't make things work. We don't care if it works or not. If it looks nice on paper or in theory then it already works.

"But in the States it's 'don't talk about it, do it. And fast.' In music it's 'don't talk about it, play it.' That sort of thing doesn't exist in France. I get exasperated when French musicians come late to a rehearsal and they didn't bring the flute or whatever they were supposed to bring. You know the way it goes: 'Come on, I have this great wine you should check out.' "

Writing words and making music - solitary vs. communal endeavor. verbal vs. abstract communication leads to another sort of schizophrenia: 'In journalism you have to hit the subject on the head. There are all these pages in the paper and every square inch has to be interesting. The competition to attract the reader's attention at all costs is incredible. With jazz, the form has time to unravel. You can sneak up on it. Any jazzman who tries to attract attention at all costs is lost to the cause. But each occupation involves another way to get there. Maybe that's a definition of art in general. Another way to get there."

POSTCARD

Stressed Out? Try a Himalaya Rejuvenation Cure

By Emily Prager New York Times Service

TEW YORK — The New Age has crept up on New York. With its emphasis on calm, the New-Age-sometimes-seems to b an era devoted to ever more elaborate and arcane methods of stress reduction.

Spas of all kinds are appearing, from the Southwestern-flavored Carapan, where Native American rituals are invoked, to Synchro Energize, which calls itself a 'brain-mind fitness center' and features goggles lined with pulsating lights.

arm of the Minnesota-based corporation that prides itself on environmentally correct beauty products, the Himalayan re-

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mind questionnaire. It measures your vata, pitta and kapha, the three doshas, or forces, thought to govern all biological processes in the Indian Ayurvedic system of healing. Amanda Raigosa, who was administering my treatment, found that my pitta and vata were out of whack. She told me she would treat me with essences, including geranium,

ylang-ylang, bergamot and patchouli. The treatment room contained a small body tent and a massage table set over an electric cauldron that was filled with boiling water. I removed my clothes and lay on the The treatment was given in three phases. First, Raigosa would massage me with essential oils to "wake up" my circulation. Raigosa gave me lemon water and cu-Second, using the vata oils in the cauldron, cumber slices, which tasted divine.

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Before the treatment, you fill out a body-ind questionnaire. It measures your vata, to remove impurities. Then "I will open up your third eye, 'she said, adding, "I have prepared sesame oil, which will drip directly onto your forehead between your eyebrows, directly onto your third eye."

"It will make you spiritually more open," she said. "It will last five to seven minutes." The third phase was a stressrelieving scalp-and-neck massage.

The massage felt wonderful. Then, with the little tent fastened just beneath my chin, I steamed. After a time I felt a delicate oily stream alighting on my forehead. Then the scalp massage and then it was all over.

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In a first, Queen Elizabeth II will share a commercial flight with the common folk when she flies to New Zealand next week for the Commonwealth summit meeting in Auckland, Buckingham Palace says. By taking the Air New Zealand flight to Auckland with fare-paying passengers, she will save New Zealand taxpayers an estimated £400,000 (\$620,000). It is customary for the host Commonwealth nation to pay for the queen's travel when she visits as head of state. An elegant table, four armchairs and two beds will be installed in the plane's first-class section to accommodate the queen.

Kevin Costner has left Creative Artists Agency in the biggest blow to the powdepartures of its co-founders, Michael Ovitz and Ron Meyer. Costner's departure was announced by CAA president, Richard Lovett, during an internal meeting, the Los Angeles Times reported. Talent agencies get a 10 percent commission on every job booked for a client, so losing a major star like Costner, who gets \$15 million to \$20 million per picture, means losing millions in revenues.

Carl C. Icahn is getting a little closer to getting rid of his excess TWA baggage. After several stormy years at the helm of Trans World Airlines, Icahn left in 1993. But the airline still owed him \$190 million, so as part of a complex repayment plan, it has awarded him the rights to TWA tickets with a face value of \$610 million. Icahn has set up a consolidation company, Global Discount Travel of Las Vegas, to dispose of his surplus over eight years. The company has been selling tickets to consumers referred by travel agents, said John Shel-don, the president. Global Discount buys the tickets for 40 percent off the published fare and then sells them for 25 percent less

Kate Capshaw says that constantly hearing about super-successful hubby Steven Spielberg's career helped coax her back to the screen. "I'm happy raising the kids," the actress says in Entertainment Weekly magazine. "But Steven would come home and I'd say, 'Honey, what did you do today?' And it would be like 'I talked to Harrison and Tom and so on.' And

than the full price.



Alessandra Mussolini, right, at the christening of her daughter. Caterina

I would say, 'Well, look what I did to the celebrated "La Danse" paintings still in Capshaw is appearing as than \$1 million. Winona Ryder's hippie mom in "How to Make an American Quilt."

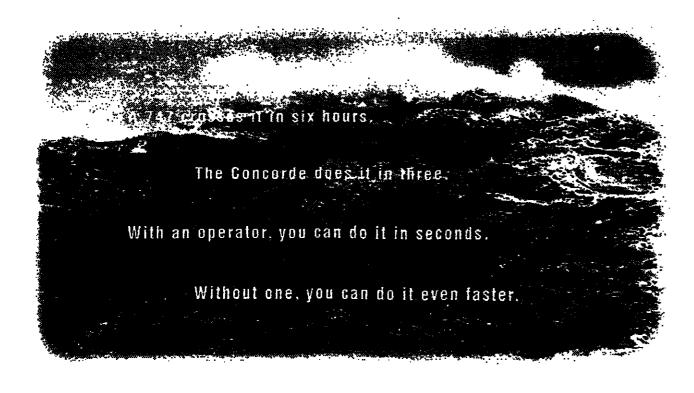
Joel Gambord, who owns a house where the novelist John Steinbeck once lived, has angered historians and officials of Monte Sereno, California, because he tore down part of the exterior after finding dry rot and termites. "I don't know how to work with rotten materials. I didn't feel I had to go to the city about it," he said. But city officials imposed a "stop work" order on his remodeling and could impose a fine of up to \$500 for the unapproved work.

A watercolor by Henri Matisse that hung above a bedroom door in a Paris apartment for 80 years goes briefly on public display next month before it will be sold at auction. The 31-centimeter high painting, portraying five nudes dancing struction of the caffied hand-in-hand in a circle is the last of the bol of Russian faith."

Saran Wrap drawer.' It was time to get back private hands. It is expected to fetch more to work.' Capshaw is appearing as than \$1 million.

The newest member of the Mussolini clan was baptized Sunday in Predappio. Italy, the town where the dictator Benito Mussolini was born and buried. Threemonth-old Caterina Romana Floriani is the daughter of the police officer Mario Floriani and Alessandra Mussolini, a par-15 liamentary deputy, actress and grand-daughter of "Il Duce."

After giving a concert at which tickets sold at up to \$1,000 a head to benefit the reconstruction of Moscow's Christ the Saviour Cathedral, the cellist Mistlav Rostropovich returned to the work site and gave a free concert to hundreds of construction workers and their wives and children Rostropovich said he wanted to "do everything possible to help in the reconstruction of the cathedral which is the sym-



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